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SWATOW PANIC.

IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION.

TROOP MOVEMENTS.

Communist Hordes And Bandits Still In Evidence.

NANKING GETS TOGETHER A STRONG FORCE.

Reports from Swatow indicate slight improvement in the situation. The panic of earlier this week seems to have been somewhat allayed by troop movements. Trade, however, is still interrupted on account of the dual presence of Communist hordes and bandits in the immediate hinterland. British property remains in a precarious condition.

From Nanking comes the interesting news that a fairly large and strong force—comprising mostly former Whampoa Cadets and Chekiang men—has arrived there from Shanghai. Other warlike preparations are being made.

Bandits along the Upper Yangtze continue to be active near Shasi.

YANGTZE BANDITS.

The "China Mail" political correspondent understands that no decision has been reached among the respective Canton Generals for a combined drive on the erstwhile Swabue Soviet.

General Chui King-tong, the new commander of the 5th Army, is in charge of territory extending from the East River towards Hoifung and Lukfung. The Han River basin, including Swatow and the adjacent area, is under the 11th Army which is commanded by General Chen Min-chu, who went to Nanking with Marshal Li Chai-sum.

No Further Pressure.

There are about 1,000 troops, mostly recruits, of the 11th Army in Swatow, and other detachments up-country. This is not strong enough to launch a frontal attack on the Reds.

On the other hand, the 5th Army units which marched on Hoifung and Lukfung have called a halt. No further pressure has been exerted on the Communists who are now in a sort of no man's land between Swatow and the East River command.

Wireless Despatch.

To-day's British Naval wireless report from Swatow, despatched yesterday, read as follows:—

The general situation here is more satisfactory but the exodus of people who are able to leave, still continues.

It is considered that the present crisis will terminate if the troops sent (by the local authorities) against the Reds are successful.

Information received by wireless from Swatow yesterday indicated that the situation had not become worse.

Thousands of refugees have gone into Swatow from up-country and trade is practically at a standstill.

Poning is the base from which the Communists have been operating eastward, in the direction of Swatow.

Retreat in Disorder.

Wailoy and Chiueung, the latter at the head of Haimun Bay, have fallen to the Reds. The Canton Government troops who were defeated in this locality were the first to bring the news into Swatow, whence they retreated in disorder.

Swatow is separated from Wailoy and Chiueung by Haimun Bay but the Reds can make a fairly easy bid for Chuchow which is 20 miles inland from Swatow and to which it is connected by railway.

The country is by no means impassable. Capture of Chuchow will spell disaster for Swatow and, incidentally, for all British and other foreign property there.

Business Held Up.

The only barrier between Swatow and the Communist hordes is the line of troops sent out from Swatow, consisting of ill-equipped men, mostly former guerrillas who have at one time, or other been bandits. Disunity among sections

of the Swatow police is commonly known.

Business is held up because it is impossible to send goods from Swatow up-country. The Red army include a good many farmers and farm-hands who have become dissatisfied and lent ready ear to the professional agitators. But the Communist rabble also includes a sprinkling of outlaws who are out for loot, irrespective of political principle. Merchandise is seized so soon as it gets out of the immediate jurisdiction of the military or police.

Is Protection Possible?

In the face of such unpromising conditions, and with the local Canton Generals doing very little to crush the rising, it is interesting to recall that among the losses suffered by British residents at Swatow since the trouble began in 1925 are the following:—

British Vice-Consul's residence: looted;

Masonic Hall: looted twice;

Messrs. Butterfield & Swire's club (for the use of officers and men from visiting ships): seized.

Anglo-Chinese College: seized.

Normally, the British Navy has one sloop at Swatow, the shipping outlet of Chuchow, which was one of the ports opened by the Treaty of Tientsin; but it is highly problematical if one sloop can be of much use in protecting the extensive British interests and property at Swatow—as promised by the Home Government—if the Reds, bandits and looters ever got in.

AT NANKING.

5,000 Men From First Army Arrive.

Nanking, Yesterday.

A part of the 2nd division of the 1st Nationalist Army, numbering some 5,000 men, have arrived here from Shanghai, with field guns.

Large quantities of ammunition have been sent across the Yangtze from Nanking to Pukow.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: The 1st Army was originally commanded by Chiang Kai-shek in person, who turned it over to his henchman, Ho Ying-chin, from whom he recently took it back to give somebody else who is now, apparently carrying out his commands to join the expedition).

Li Tsung-jen.

Hankow, Yesterday. General Li Tsung-jen has arrived here.—British Naval Wireless. (Note: General Li is a native of Kwangsi, like Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton. He went from Nanking to Hankow, supposedly to bring about rapprochement between the Kwangsi Generals there and Chiang Kai-shek.)

Bandits at Shasi.

Shasi, Yesterday. Bandits are extremely active in the district around Shasi.—British Naval Wireless.

(Note: Shasi is on the upper Yangtze, 287 miles above Hankow. It is controlled by a General acting in conjunction with the Kwangsi group.)

FLAPPER VOTERS.

Bill Read A Second Time.

PLURAL POWERS.

Labour Party Supports Bill, With Reservations.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons, Sir W. Joynson-Hicks moved the second reading of the Flappers' Vote Bill. He said a wife would be entitled to be registered in respect of her husband's business premises and also in respect of her residence. A husband would be eligible in respect of the wife's business premises. The University franchise of men and women



"Jix," the Home Secretary.

would be the same. The University women voters would be 10,000 instead of 8,000 and the men totalled 47,000.

The new register would come into force on May 1, 1929, for the next year's general election. He could not imagine that anybody would say at this time of day that women were unfit, intellectually, for the vote or that their judgment was unsound compared with men.

Mr. Philip Snowden, for the Labour Party, supported the Bill



Mr. Philip Snowden, Labour Member.

while criticising the application of the provisions relating to plural votes in respect of property and the University franchise.

Cheers and Laughter.

The Commons by 387 votes to 10 defeated a motion for the rejection of the women's franchise bill, which was read a second time amid loud cheers and laughter.—Reuter.

AMOY TROUBLE.

Latest About Anti-Japanese Boycott.

Amoy, Yesterday.

The Chinese-Japanese situation here has improved, but is still dangerous.

The port is open and ships are working. Anti-Japanese pickets have been withdrawn by the Chinese authorities, who are enforcing martial law.

The labour unions are dissatisfied and the boycott will continue, compelling the Japanese to unload their own cargo.

There was some stone-throwing last night, and several windows of Japanese residences as well as one shop front were broken; the Japanese owner of the shop being manhandled by students.

To-day there are pamphlets everywhere, but no disorder.

TO PAY DAMAGES.

Joint Judgment Against Three Defendants.

WRONG IMPRISONMENT.

Judge's Stern Comments On Houghton, Suen & Haynes.

Joint judgment against the defendants for \$250 with costs was given by Mr. Justice J. R. Wood in the Summary Court this morning in the case in which Pang Chau, the Managing Partner of the Chau On Transportation Co., sued C. M. Houghton, Suen Kam-shun and L. E. Haynes, all of the South China Trade Protection Association, for \$1,000 damages for wrongful imprisonment.

His Honour said that when the evidence closed (at the hearing on Monday last), he indicated that judgment would be for plaintiff and adjourned the case, to consider the question of damages. He had decided to give judgment against all the defendants and judgment would be with costs.

On the afternoon in question, stated His Honour, plaintiff was detained by Mr. Suen and Mr. Haynes who locked him in the place for the purpose of compelling him to pay a certain claim. Mr. Houghton was not then present when that was done and his part in the proceedings was to

MORE RAIN?

N.E. winds, moderate, overcast, some rain, is the official weather forecast until noon tomorrow.

The anticyclone has strengthened and is central over N.E. Japan. A depression is still shown over Indo-China. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the northern portion of the N. China Sea.

adopt the detention and arrange terms.

The course adopted by the defendants could not be too strongly condemned and His Honour did not want to find a small amount of damages to excuse what happened. It seemed to His Honour that if the similar action had been proved against a professional man it would be sufficient cause for striking his name off of any roll.

His Honour's judgment would be for plaintiff against all defendants with costs, damages to be \$250, the order being joint against all the defendants.

"THE OBSERVER."

TWO PRINTING PRESSES WANT MONEY.

CASES ADJOURNED.

The case in which the Local Printing Press sues "The Observer Publishing Company and Others" for \$217.40 was mentioned in the Summary Court this morning when Mr. Owen appeared for plaintiffs.

His Honour asked Mr. Marton, who had represented the defendant when the case was mentioned before, if he now represented defendant.

Mr. Marton replied in the negative.

His Honour: You have no further instructions?

Mr. Marton: No.

His Honour suggested an adjournment for fourteen days. It was no use fixing a date in the absence of Mr. Haynes, the defendant, in respect of whom he had received a letter. This was handed to Mr. Owen.

Mr. Owen said the case had been delayed some time already. He understood that there was a reference to the case being settled when it was called before, but no attempt had been made by the defendant to settle it. Mr. Haynes had now gone into hospital. The case was an ordinary claim for work done.

He suggested the case be put into next Thursday's list and Mr. Haynes might then be present.

His Honour acceded to Mr. Owen's request.

Mr. A. J. Arcull represented plaintiffs in a case in which the Asiatic Press sued the Observer Publishing Company, proprietors of the Hong Kong Observer, and others, for \$225.

Mr. Arcull was also shown correspondence by His Honour and the case was put into next Thursday's list.

VISCOUNT CAVE.

Tory Law Lord Passes.

OPPOSED ASQUITH.

Lord Chancellor Dies Suddenly At Age Of 71.

London, Yesterday. The death is announced of Viscount Cave.—Reuter.

Lord Cave first held offices in the Asquith Coalition as Solicitor General, becoming Home Secretary (1916-18) under Mr. Lloyd George. He was appointed a Lord of Appeal with a Viscounty in November, 1918.

He was a barrister of the Inner Temple; recorder of Guildford 1904-15; standing counsel to Oxford University 1913-15; solicitor-general 1915-16; home

secretary 1916-18, and a lord of appeal in ordinary November 1919; appointed lord chancellor October, 1922.

It was generally understood when the late Lord Cozens-Hardy resigned the Mastership of the Rolls early in 1918 that Sir George Cave (as he then was) would succeed him, but he decided to remain in Parliament, it was said at the express wish of Mr. Lloyd George. Called to the Bar at the Inner Temple in 1880, he elected the Chancery side of the profession, taking silk in 1904. He went "special" in 1913, and in the following year received the appointment of Attorney-General to the Prince of Wales. Lord Cave entered Parliament as Unionist member for Kingston in 1906, and two years later, in moving the official opposition amendments to the Licensing Bill on the second reading, his reply to Mr. Asquith made his Parliamentary reputation. In November, 1915, when Lord Carson resigned the Attorney-Generalship and Lord Birkenhead succeeded him, Mr. Cave was selected to fill the vacancy, and received the honour of knighthood. In the following year, when Mr. Lloyd George formed his War Cabinet, Lord Cave became Home Secretary, and held that office till his elevation to the Bench. He was a member of the Royal Commission on Land Transfer, 1908-9; chairman of the Southern Rhodesia Commission, 1919-20; chairman of the Munitions Inquiry Tribunal, 1921; chairman of the Committee on Voluntary Hospitals, 1921; and president of the Committee appointed in 1921 by the Minister of Labour to inquire into the working and effects of the Trade Boards Acts.

Viscount Cave died at the age of 71 years.

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JAIL BROKEN.

THIS MORNING'S SENSATION.

PRISONER ESCAPES.

Climbs Through Opening In Cell Roof.

MISSING AT FIVE O'CLOCK THIS MORNING.

Another sensational jail-breaking escapade occurred in the Victoria Jail in the early hours of this morning, as the result of which a Chinese prisoner succeeded in getting clear away.

His absence was discovered at about 5 a.m.

As soon as a "China Mail" man learned of the escape this morning, he paid a visit to the office of Mr. J. W. Franks, Superintendent of Prisons, but was informed that Mr. Franks was in the jail investigating the affair.

A call was then made on Mr. C. G. Perdue, acting Director of Criminal Intelligence, who said that he did not wish to make a statement until he had had an opportunity of consulting Mr. Franks. The reporter was asked to call later in the morning.

MR. FRANKS'S TIFFIN TIME.

After making some independent investigations, the reporter again called on Mr. Perdue at noon, and was told that the latter could not make any statement as he had not had an opportunity of seeing Mr. Franks, who had been busy in the Jail all the morning. Mr. Perdue added that the matter was one which was being investigated privately, and suggested that the reporter see Mr. Franks personally.

Tiffin Time.

A second visit was then paid to Mr. Franks, but he was again not there. Then, exactly at 1 p.m., the reporter succeeded in finding Mr. Franks at his office. A card was sent in, and coming to the door of his office, Mr. Franks told the reporter that he "could not be bothered then as it was time for him to go for his tiffin." If the reporter would call in the afternoon, he would be attended to.

In the face of official secrecy, the reporter is only able to give the story of the escape as he has been able to gather it.

Serious Charge.

The escaped prisoner is a man named Chan Tim who was yesterday remanded by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy on a charge of murder and robbery, and was sent over to Victoria Jail to be confined in the "remand" cell until the next hearing.

The story of the robbery, it may be remembered, was reported in these columns early this week.

Four Chinese men engaged a sampan at the Mongkok Ferry wharf to row them out to the junk anchorage. In the sampan at the time were the mistress of the craft and her two small sons.

When the boat was in midstream, the robbers suddenly produced a revolver and daggers and asked the boat woman for money. In the struggle which ensued for her keys, the sampan was capsized and all its occupants thrown into the harbour.

Boy Drowned.

Other sampans in the vicinity succeeded in rescuing the woman and her younger son, but the elder boy was not seen again. He was drowned, at the next day his body was recovered from the harbour.

After her rescue, the sampan

for particulars to be filed before he (defendant) came up again.

"I have searched my memory for three years," said Mr. Brewer, "and I have no recollection of having employed the plaintiff in any capacity whatsoever. My only statement is that I don't know what it is about. To the best of my belief it is merely imagination."

His Honour indicated that he would adjourn the case sine die and he would indicate to the plaintiff an order that he was to set out a full statement of claim and file it. After that had been done, on plaintiff's application, His Honour would have Mr. Brewer served again with the notice.

It was arranged that service should be on the Manager of the Institute Brewer Banking Corporation in Mr. Brewer's absence, and His Honour informed Mr. Brewer that he need take no further notice of the matter until he was served.

woman was taken on board a junk, where she saw Chan Tim and immediately recognised him as one of the four men who had been in her sampan, and on the woman's identification, Chan Tim was handed over to the Water Police by the junk people, and found himself facing the charges of alleged murder and attempted robbery.

The Escape.

The story of the escape, as the "China Mail" man was able to construct it, is as follows:—

Chan Tim's cell was located in what is known as the "old block" which runs parallel with the Magistracy, Mr. Franks's office and the police barracks at Police Headquarters.

Near New Building.

Behind Mr. Franks's office, a new building is in the course of construction. It is at present in the "skeleton" which is to say that three of its outer walls are up to its full height. One of the walls of the building, with barred windows, is built on top of an old retaining wall which separates the prison and the police barracks, a narrow lane running between the two.

At the Magistracy end of this lane are the police detention cells attached to the Central Police Station chargeroom, whilst the other end of the lane is shut off by a low wall on the other side of which is the Old Bailey.

Scaffolding.

The new building had scaffolding on the inside of its "shell," and the "old block" in which Chan Tim's cell was in on the other side of the new building, and not more than three yards away from it. Scaffolding was also erected against the "old block" for the purpose of carrying out repairs to the roof.

Luck favoured Chan Tim in that there was a small hole in the roof of his cell. Climbing up to this hole by means of a rope he made out of his blankets, Chan Tim squeezed through and gained the roof. Then he slid down the scaffolding and gained the lane between the "old block" and the new building.

Dash Across Lane.

Dashing across the lane unnoticed, Chan Tim gained the shelter of the new building. Picking his way through it, the prisoner came to the outer wall. He climbed up the scaffolding on one side of the wall and down the other, and then dropped noiselessly into the lane behind the police barracks. Turning to the left, Chan Tim ran along the whole length of the lane, and scaling the low wall at the far end, he dropped into the Old Bailey, and thus gained his freedom.

Last Event.

The last jail-breaking sensation occurred just over a year ago, on March 1, 1927, to be exact. It was the Derby Day of the Hong Kong Jockey Club's annual races meeting. On this occasion four convicts got clear away, and it was not until October that three of them were arrested. In Canton and brought back to Hong Kong. The fourth man was killed by the Canton police when he attempted to evade

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F. HAYLEY BELL,
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Kowloon & District,
York Buildings,
Hong Kong, 29th March, 1928.

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Hong Kong, 30th March, 1928.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a further EXTRA-ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on MONDAY, the Second day of April, 1928, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming the following Resolution passed as an Extraordinary Resolution on the 16th day of March, 1928 as a Special Resolution:—

"That the capital of the Company be increased from its present capital of \$3,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 300,000 shares of \$10 each, to \$6,000,000 (Hong Kong Currency) divided into 600,000 shares of \$10 each and that such additional shares shall rank in all respects pari passu with the original capital of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY FURTHER GIVEN that a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at the same place on MONDAY, the Second day of April, 1928, at 12.40 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the above Meeting shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Resolutions, namely:—

1. "That the Directors be, and they are hereby, authorised to 'capitalise the sum of \$1,500,000 profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as 'on the 1st day of July 1928, 'in respect of the net amount 'capitalised fully paid shares 'of the Company of equivalent 'nominal value in the proportion of one share for every two shares of the Company then held by such persons respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of 'July 1928."

2. "That if, on such distribution 'as aforesaid, any person would 'be entitled to a fraction of a 'share, the Directors shall, in 'lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole 'share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by 'the Directors and such share 'may, at such time as the 'Directors think fit, be sold and 'the proceeds distributed 'amongst the persons entitled 'to the fractions making up the 'share."

Dated the 26th day of March 1928.
By Order of the Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO. LTD.,
Agents.

**THE BANK OF CANTON,
LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Head Office, No. 6, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 4th April, 1928, at 2.30 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 20th March, 1928, to the 4th April, 1928 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board,
LOOK POONG-SHAN,
Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 19th March, 1928.

**HONG KONG TELEPHONE
COMPANY, LIMITED.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of Hong Kong Telephone Company, Limited, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of APRIL, 1928, at the Board Room of the Company, SECOND FLOOR, EXCHANGE BUILDING, Hong Kong, at 12 o'clock noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, for the financial year ended 31st December, 1927, confirming the appointment of three Directors and re-electing two Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th April to the 11th April, 1928, both days inclusive.

Dated this 20th day of March, 1928.
By Order of the Board,
J. P. SHERRY,
Manager.
14, Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong.

NOTICES.

**ST. STEPHEN'S COLLEGE.
ANNUAL SPORTS.**

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**HONG KONG & MALAYAN
CHINESE INTERPORT
FOOTBALL.**

Hong Kong Chinese vs. Malayan Chinese.
Sunday, April 1st, 1928
Hong Kong Football Club Ground,
Happy Valley, 4.30 p.m.

TICKETS for reserved Seats for the above game can be had at the following Associations at \$2.00 each for covered stand, \$1.00 each for uncovered stand up to Saturday noon, March 31st:
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South China Athletic Ass'n—7th floor, China Building, Phone C.4696.

Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation.
Hong Kong, March 30, 1928.

HONG KONG FOOTBALL CLUB.

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CHINESE INTERPORT
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MEMBERS who wish to attend this Game are requested to present their membership cards at the members' entrance for admission.
H. M. McTAVISH,
Hon. Secretary.
Hong Kong, March 30, 1928.

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Hong Kong, March 24, 1928.

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2.	Star Ferry to Lai Chi Kok via Nathan and Tai Po Roads.	6.29 a.m. to 10.49 p.m. Late Buses 11.29 p.m. 11.39 p.m.	6.01 a.m. to 10.21 p.m. Late Buses 12.01 a.m. 12.11 a.m.	Every 10 Minutes.
6.	Star Ferry to Kowloon City via Nathan and Price Edward Roads.	5.58 a.m. to 6.28 a.m. 6.28 a.m. to 10.23 p.m. 10.28 p.m. to 12.23 a.m.	LEAVING KOWLOON CITY. 6.03 a.m. to 10.34 p.m. 10.34 p.m. to 12.14 p.m.	Every 10 Minutes. " 5 " " 15 " " 5 " " 15 "
8.	Star Ferry to Kowloon Tong via Nathan, Prince Edward and Montague Ede Roads.	6.27 a.m. to 10.57 p.m. 10.57 p.m. to 12.42 a.m.	LEAVING KOWLOON TONG. 6.07 a.m. to 10.57 p.m. 10.57 p.m. to 12.17 a.m.	Every 10 Minutes. " 15 "
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10.	Star Ferry to Kowloon City via Canton Road, Shanghai Street & Prince Edward Road.	5.17 a.m. to 9.27 p.m. 9.27 p.m. to 10.03 p.m.	LEAVING KOWLOON CITY. 6.04 a.m. to 10.34 p.m.	Every 10 Minutes. " 15 "

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Kowloon Motor Bus Co., Ltd.

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11.	To Kwa Wan to Sham Shui Po via Kowloon City Road, Hung Hom, Chatham Road, Gascoigne Rd., Canton Rd., S'hai St., & Lai Chi Kok Rd.	6.00 a.m. to 9.10 p.m. 9.10 p.m. to 11.25 p.m.	LEAVING SHAM SHUI PO. 6.05 a.m. to 9.15 p.m. 9.15 p.m. to 11.45 p.m.	Every 10 Minutes. " 15 "
12.	Star Ferry to Sham Shui Po via Canton Rd., Reclamation St., Mong Kok Rd., S'hai St., & Lai Chi Kok Rd.	6.18 a.m. to 9.28 p.m. 9.28 p.m. to 11.58 p.m.	LEAVING SHAM SHUI PO. 6.18 a.m. to 9.28 p.m. 9.28 p.m. to 11.33 p.m.	Every 10 Minutes. " 15 "

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5. Yaumati to Hung Hom.	11. To Kwa Wan to Sham Shui Po.
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SHIPPING SECTION.

H.K. HARBOUR.

SHIPPING FIGURES FOR 1927.

ENCOURAGING FACTORS.

Interesting particulars of the shipping in Hong Kong harbour during 1927 are contained in the report of the Harbour Master for the past year.

The figures given show that the total shipping entering and clearing Ports in the Colony during 1927 amounted to 298,707 vessels of 44,127,161 tons, which compared with the figures of 1926 show a decrease of 261,566 vessels and an increase of 330,725 tons.

Of the above 61,289 vessels of 36,834,014 tons were engaged in Foreign Trade as compared with 30,231 vessels of 28,371,104 tons in 1926.

There was an increase in British ocean shipping of 460 ships of 463,023 tons.

Foreign ocean-going vessels show an increase of 2,299 ships and an increase of 3,382,445 tons.

Effect Of C. N. Co. Stoppage.

These figures are affected by the stoppage due to vessels of the China Navigation Co. being laid up from July 1, 1927, to September 7, 1927.

British river steamers show an increase of 3,273 ships and an increase of 1,826,653 tons. This increase in ships and tonnage is due to the vessels again running on the Canton and West rivers.

Foreign river steamers show an increase of 935 ships and an increase of 453,420 tons.

In steamships not exceeding 60 tons employed in foreign trade there is an increase of 5,064 ships with an increase in tonnage of 146,044 tons.

Junks in foreign trade show an increase of 9,027 vessels, and an increase of 1,631,325 tons.

Harbour Limits Extension.

In local trade (i.e. between places within the waters of the Colony) there is a decrease in steam-launches of 280,269 and a decrease in tonnage of 8,178,174 tons. This is partially due to the extension of the harbour limits, which now include places for which statistics were formerly required.

Junks in Local trade show a decrease of 2,355 vessels and an increase of 45,989 tons.

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Of vessels of European construction 5,316 ocean steamers, 4,363 river steamers and 3,936 steamships not exceeding 60 tons entered during the year, giving a daily average of 37.3 ships.

River Trade.

Comparisons between the river trade of 1926 and 1927 are as follows:—

Import tons 1926, 117,421; export tons, 123,222 and passengers, 1,071,211.

Import tons 1927, 350,340; export tons, 494,618 and passengers, 2,331,583.

Junk Trade Figures.

Comparisons between the junk trade for the two years are as follows:—

Engaged in foreign import trade during 1926, 7,388 junks with total tonnage of 704,111. Engaged in local import trade during 1926, 6,869 junks with total tonnage of 323,352.

Engaged in foreign import trade during 1927, 11,990 junks with total tonnage of 1,502,466. Engaged in local import trade during 1927, 5,947 junks with total tonnage of 253,175.

Engaged in foreign export trade during 1926, 7,639 junks with total tonnage of 883,803. Engaged in local export trade during 1926, 7,065 junks with total tonnage of 415,153.

Engaged in foreign export trade during 1927, 12,064 junks with total tonnage of 1,536,773. Engaged in local export trade during 1927, 6,558 junks with total tonnage of 274,722.

Total imported cargo by junks in 1927 was 331,959 tons and total exported cargo, 1,078,782.

Increase In Revenue.

The total revenue during the year from Light Dues, Special Assessments, Licences and Internal Revenue, Fees of Courts and Offices, etc., was \$1,000,229.80 as against \$820,883.39 collected in the previous year showing an increase of \$179,346.41.

Emigrants.

285,593 emigrants left Hong Kong for various places during the year 1927 (215,527 in 1926). Of these 138,263 were carried in British ships and 147,330 in Foreign ships.

131,100 returning emigrants were reported to have been brought to Hong Kong from the several places to which they had emigrated either from this Colony or from Coast Ports, as against 128,661 in 1926. Of these, 100,889 arrived in British ships and 30,211 in Foreign ships.

Ships Registered.

During the year, 12 ships were registered under the provisions of the Merchant Shipping Acts, and 26 Certificates of Registry cancelled. 215 documents, etc., were dealt with in connection with the Act, the fees on which amounted to \$1,776.00 as compared with \$1,634.00 in 1926.

Mercantile Marine Office.

37,500 seamen were shipped and 34,122 discharged at the Mercantile Marine Office and on board ships during the year, compared with 32,982 shipped and 30,929 discharged during 1926.

62 distressed seamen were received and admitted to Sailors' Home and Boarding Houses; of these 10 were sent Home, 1 to Melbourne, 4 to Shanghai, 4 to Singapore, 2 to Vancouver, 1 remained in Hospital, and 40 obtained employment.

\$846.07 was expended by the Harbour Master on behalf of the Board of Trade in the relief of these distressed seamen.

Marine Surveyor's Office.

The total number of vessels surveyed in 1927 was 128 vessels of 362,296 gross tons, 39 being surveyed at Kowloon Docks, 61 at Taikoo Dockyard, 6 at Cosmopolitan Docks, 1 at Aberdeen Dock and 20 on Chinese slipways, the remainder being surveyed in the Harbour on bottom Certificates.

The nationalities and tonnage of these vessels were as follows:—British, 108 vessels of 328,077 tons (gross); Chinese, 9 vessels of 7,287 tons (gross); Norwegian, 9 vessels of 21,140 tons (gross); and Danish, 2 vessels of 5,792 tons (gross).

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Andre Lebon" are advised to send in all claims to the Agent before April 2.

A mine was netted by an Iverness drifter off the Donegal coast.

James Roney, 19, was washed overboard and drowned, when the Hull trawler, "Lord Mersey," encountered a storm off Iceland.

RESOLUTE TOURISTS

DISAPPOINTING HONG KONG WEATHER.

LEAVING TO-DAY.

The Hamburg-Amerika round-the-world liner "Resolute" will leave Hong Kong this afternoon. The tourists have not had the opportunity of seeing the island at its best but their time here has been fully occupied in planned tours of places of interest here, in Canton and Macao and in "expeditions" on their own account. Many were to be observed yesterday at the China Exhibition held in the grounds of St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon.

Business done at the local stores during the "Resolute's" stay here has not been great but there has been a fair demand for wicker work and some silk, jade and china has been sold.

A Lady's Death.

A harbour office notification is to the effect that the death of an Austrian lady aged 28 who embarked on the "Resolute" at Villefranche, occurred on March 19.

It is believed that the lady in question committed suicide between Batavia and Indo-China.

DOCK DISPUTE.

U. S. LINE AND PORT OF LONDON.

CHARGE OF UNFAIRNESS.

New York.—It has become known that the American State Department has addressed a letter on behalf of the United States Shipping Board to the London Port administration with reference to the Port of London Authority's recent action in notifying the American merchant line to change its London terminal from the Surrey Commercial Docks to the Royal Albert Docks on May 1.

The Shipping Board officials, it is declared, have suggested to the State Department that the London Port authorities have been persuaded to end the Surrey Commercial Dock concession to the merchant line because of the wish of the Canadian Government merchant marine vessels to use the Surrey berth as more desirable than the Royal Albert Docks.

Amicable Settlement.

The State Department is also informed that, pending the outcome of the present dispute, the Shipping Board cannot advertise the American merchant fleet and the American West African Line for sale.

While an amicable settlement of the situation is confidently expected, the usual suggestion of retaliatory measures has been interjected, and it is pointed out that, if necessary, the American Government can rescind the privilege granted to ships of the Canadian Government merchant marine to dock at piers in New York Harbour which are under the control of the War Department.

Too Often Raised.

That the charge of unfairness by foreign interests against American shipping is too readily raised by the officials of the United States Shipping Board is demonstrated by a communication from the president of the Association of Marine Underwriters to the Merchant Marine Committee of the House of Representatives. The association protests against the testimony of Mr. Edward Plummer, vice-chairman of the United States Shipping Board, that American shippers are at the mercy of foreign marine insurance companies, who practise discrimination. It declares that a fully adequate American insurance market is always available for any American shippers who might decide that they were receiving unfair treatment at the hands of foreign underwriters.

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LAPLATA MARU Friday, 27th April.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

SHUNKO MARU (Calls at Karachi) Thursday, 5th April.

BORNEO MARU (Calls at Penang) Thursday, 10th April.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-EL-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR, MOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

CANADA MARU Saturday, 31st March.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

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KISHU MARU Sunday, 15th April 11 a.m.

TAKAO—Via SWATOW & AMOY.

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JEYPORE	5,262	14th June	Marseilles & London
TALPORE	5,273	5th June	Marseilles & London
DELTA	8,097	9th June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
NOVARA	6,989	16th June	Marseilles & London
BANPURA	10,601	23rd June	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
SHYBER	5,114	7th July	Marseilles & London
NANKIN	7,098	14th July	Marseilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
RAWATPINDI	16,619	21st July	Marseilles & London
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JEYPORE	5,318	17th Apr.	Shui, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
HATIPARA	7,764	21st Apr.	Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
WALWA	10,000	3rd May	Shui, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	3rd May	Amoy, Shui, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
ALPORE	5,273	3rd May	Moji & Kobe.
TANDA	6,955	3rd May	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
NOVARA	6,989	8th May	Shui, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
DELTA	8,097	11th May	Shui, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
RANPURA	16,601	12th May	Shui, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NANKIN	7,098	12th May	Shui, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
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RAWATPINDI	16,619	22nd June	Shui, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	6,853	3rd July	Shui, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHMIR	8,985	6th July	Shui, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ARARURA	6,000	10th July	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	20th July	Shui, Kobe & Yokohama.

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TO-DAY'S REPORT AND
DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S RETURN.

With the arrival of 16 vessels
recorded at the Harbour Office this
morning, in the time under review
ending 9 a.m. this morning, the list
registers the nationalities that
figure prominently, that of the
Japanese with 7, the British and
Chinese with 4 each.

The cargo imported to the Colony
by the above 16 vessels, totals
8,983 tons, to which amount the
British contribute 1,664 tons. All
the cargo imported is general
merchandise.

Cargo being shipped through
Hong Kong for ports beyond
amounts to a total of 16,034 tons,
3,214 tons are being transported by
the British vessels.

With regard to the above figures,
the best return shown for cargo
being imported to the Colony by
one vessel, was registered by the
s.s. "Tawa Maru" from Dairen and
Keelung—Messrs. M.B.K. — 2,851
tons coal.

The highest figures recorded for
good shipped through for ports be-
yond, was contributed by the s.s.
"Akikaku Maru" from Yokohama,
and Moji—Messrs. N.Y.K. — 3,436
tons general.

The smallest amount of cargo
imported by one vessel to Hong
Kong, was shipped by the s.s.
"Mantua" — Messrs. Mackinnon
MacKenzie — tons general cargo.

Passengers arrived in the Colony
by the above vessels in the time
under review totals 694 persons,
which includes 351 Asiatic deck, 67
Asiatic cabin; 276 European cabin.
Owing to the strike conditions
prevailing in the port of Amoy, 240
tons general cargo has been over-
carried and brought back yester-
day to Hong Kong by the s.s.
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Departures.

For Singapore:—Hai Ning, Van
Heutsz.

For Shanghai:—Morea, Honolulu
Maru.

For K. C. Wan:—Chung Hing,
Wing Wo.

For Swatow:—Hydrangea, Tean.
For Saigon:—Prosper.

For Takao:—Sourabaya Maru.
For Amoy:—Tak Hing.

For Kobe:—Seiyo Maru.
For Canton:—Hanz Sang.

For Macao:—Shui Hing.

Clearances.

For Singapore:—Akita Maru.
For Whampoa:—Ryusho Maru.

For Hoihow:—Lianan.
For Canton:—Raymond Pioneer.

Shipping Abstract.

In

Arrivals Departures Port

British 4 5 23

Japanese 7 3 10

Norwegian 0 1 6

Chinese 4 4 18

Dutch 0 1 6

French 1 0 3

German 0 0 2

Danish 0 0 1

Portuguese 0 0 2

16 14 71

GUNS ON "MOREA."

Sub-inspector Dorling and a
party of police searched the s.s.
"Morea" yesterday, and made a
seizure of 19 automatic pistols and
2,000 rounds of ammunition. No
arrest was made.

Of 13,000 tons, the "Athen
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vessel for molasses and oil carry-
ing, was launched at Messrs. W.
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T'au via Swatow & Shai YATSHING	Sun.	8th Apr. at 7 a.m.
T'au via Swatow & Shai FOOSHING	Wed.	11th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Yokohama via Amoy, Moji & Kobe	KUMSANG	Wed., 4th Apr. at Noon
Osaka via Amoy, Shanghai & Moji & Kobe	SUISANG	Fri., 13th Apr. at 7 a.m.
Canton	YATSHING	Tues., 3rd Apr. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	KUTSANG	Tues., 10th Apr. at 3 p.m.
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INCREASING PASSENGER TRAFFIC.

From a report recently issued by
the Swedish-America Line it ap-
pears that last year's business con-
stituted a record for that company.

Its three passenger steamers car-
ried no fewer than 35,000 travel-
lers to and from North America,
that is to say, almost as many as
the Danish and Norwegian lines
to the U.S. combined with their six
passenger lines. The Danish line
transported a little over 20,000 pas-
sengers, and the Norwegian line
about 19,000. The greatest in-
crease in the traffic was shown in
the number of passengers proceed-
ing to Halifax, whereas in the
traffic to New York there was a
slight decline. The Danish line
had the largest number of passen-
gers for Halifax, namely, 5,100 or
about twice as many as in 1926.

From America to Europe, however,
the Swedish line had the largest
traffic, with 13,600 passengers, an
increase of about 2,000 as compar-
ed with the preceding year.

The number of passengers car-
ried by the Swedish-America Line
is a record since the restriction
year (1922), while the number
transported eastwards is a record
for the whole period since the line
first started. In the one direction
the number of Finnish emigrants,
it is stated, were chiefly respon-
sible for creating the record, while
in the other direction the record
was due to the increased tourist
traffic from the United States to
Sweden.

Last year the experiment was
made of calling at Halifax, N.S.,
on the New York-Gothenburg voy-
age during the spring season, and
this having proved successful it is
intended to do the same, but to a
greater extent this year.

For the Swedish-America Line
1927 was a good year not only in
regard to passenger traffic, but also
for the cargo trade. In the east-
ward direction, in addition to the
passengers, the company's three
vessels carried some 40,000 tons of
merchandise. The prospects for
the current year are said to be
very good. The advance bookings
for the summer months clearly
point to a further considerable in-
crease in the tourist traffic.

A serious explosion occurred in
the forehold of the steamer
"Homeford" (629 tons) while her
cargo of petrol and sugar was be-
ing unloaded, at East London,
Cape Province. So violent was
the force of the explosion that
the hatch was blown off and land-
ed on the deck of the "Huntress,"
lying in an adjoining berth. The
cause of the explosion is not yet
known.



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NOT MORE PROMISING.

In spite of vague hopes held out from time to time by partisans, we cannot convince ourselves that China is any the nearer to arriving at an understanding on the major questions which keep the various factions apart. At one time it did appear as if unity would be reached on the problem of Customs tariff and eventual autonomy. Now comes the news that so far from being in agreement, the Peking Government and the Nationalist Government have their own views on the matter, and these views conflict. The Chinese leaders recognise that harmony is essential for any progress to be made with the Powers. Their having to serve a diversity of interests prevents them from making a real effort to find a solution. To impartial observers, it is clear that the prospect of victory in the war is the governing factor. So soon as one side makes a bold move or wins over the assistance of a wavering General, the demands put forward by its spokesmen are raised. If defeat comes, a spirit of compromise is adopted. Much of the news this week has concerned the preparations by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, as commander-in-chief of the Nanking Nationalists, for renewal of the campaign against Peking. Previous to that, the most important event was the reverse suffered by the "Christian General," Feng Yu-hsiang, who at best has been an opportunist ally of Nanking. Nothing has been done since either by the "Christian General" or by General Yen Hui-shan, to create a diver-

sion for Chiang Kai-shek. The Nationalists have sent up comparatively small detachments to the Kiangsu-Shantung front and that is about all. On the other hand, the warlords in the Peking Government have been satisfied to strengthen their defences, make a few changes in command, mark time, and issue periodical communiques about alleged revolts in the "Christian General's" ranks.

With his present resources in money and men, it is difficult to see how Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek is to make another bid for Peking. True, he has centralised the command of all units around Nanking and in the territory immediately adjoining. About ten thousand men, from three armies, have arrived from Canton to carry out his orders. Another 4,000, mostly Yunnanese former mercenaries, have moved down the Yangtze to join him. The hindrance so far is the Kwangsi faction which is strong in South and Central China, and of which Marshal Li Chai-sum of Canton is a leading member. It has been said that the Central China Nationalists are concentrating to take part in the Northern Expedition. In the same breath, the message said, that they may attack the "Christian General" (who must still be considered as a Nationalist ally) if he suffers a reverse. That is not in the least elucidating and taking all in all, the situation is not more promising than it has been for a good many months.

WATER TOO LOW?

U.S. ASIATIC FLEET AND CANTON.

"HENDERSON" ARRIVES.

No decision had been reached regarding the proposed visit of Rear-Admiral Mark Bristol to Canton when the "China Mail" inquired this morning.

At first it had been intended that the American Admiral, together with some of the ships under his command (the U.S. Asiatic Fleet) should go to Canton, from Hong Kong. It has since been found that the water on the Canton River is too low at this time of the year, but the visit has not been definitely cancelled.

The U.S.S. "Henderson," a Naval transport, arrived here this morning, but not to join the Fleet. She is going on to Manila and then back to the United States. The Asiatic Fleet leaves Hong Kong on April 2 or 3.

FOUND \$100 NOTE.

A Chinese named Mok Shing, living at No. 31, Wanchai-road, called at the No. 2 Police Station yesterday afternoon, and handing in a \$100 bank note, reported that he had found it in a shop in the Market.

MR. W. KAY'S VERSE.

A REVIEW OF "A DOMINEE'S DOGGEREL."

FROM "THE YELLOW DRAGON."

The "Yellow Dragon," the organ of Queen's College, contains a review of "A Dominee's Doggerel" by Mr. W. Kay, second master of Queen's College.

"A Dominee's Doggerel," states the "Yellow Dragon," "is a neat and tastefully-got-up little volume of verse, not published, but sent round privately to a few friends. Some of the verses have already appeared in print; some are printed here for the first time and have more of a personal than general appeal.

"Anybody who looks at the charming silhouette of the author on the cover might guess and guess rightly, that there was nothing in this volume, which, in the words of a critic of Isaac Watt's sermons, 'was calculated to call a blush to the cheek of modesty.' In fact, if a brevity were substituted for the dictionary and a string of beads for the quill pen the figure in the monkish garb might be an anchorite hastening to his devotions.

"Of a greater than Mr. 'K's' history records that he was first known to fame by 'his sugred sonnets among his private friends.' How inadequate this is as a description of the famous collection handed down to us is not our concern here; Mr. 'K's' verse, however, is not of the sonnet form, nor, indeed, is it of the 'sugred' variety. But one can scarcely help noticing that though a large proportion of the book is personal in its objective there is not a taint of acidity or scurrility in it.

"The general reader will be most attracted by those verses which apply more generally to life in the East. In this connection the verses entitled 'The Boy' have a wide appeal:—

"Who with apparent ease can run
Three wives, while I can not keep one:

Who feeds his wives and family
With food I buy but never see?

"When round the fire old friends
I feast
With startling stories from the East,
Through whom do I impress my host
And brag and blow my trumpet most?

The boy."

Then, is there one of us, past the
griffin stage, who has not, as he
looked at himself in the glass, felt
a twinge of the thought underlying
this 'Mournful Ditty,' which I
take the liberty of quoting in full:—

In downcast state I contemplate
My middle-aged figure;
The adipose comes, but not goes;
My waistcoat's growing bigger,
Bold to arrest my slipping chest
I've followed many a plan;
But spite of pains the fact re-
mains.

I am a pear-shaped man.

I tackle sports of sundry sorts,
Do Sandow, also Muller;
I dash o'er hills and swallow pills,
But only grow the fuller;

I row and jump, massage and thump,
Do everything I can;
But spite of pains the fact re-
mains,

I am a pear-shaped man.

Potatoes, fat, and all things that
Avoudupois engender,
Even beer and stout, I do without,
In hope of growing slender.

Reducing fads and various 'ada,'
I take up with elan;
But spite of pains the fact re-
mains.

I am a pear-shaped man.

The rich man, who scarcely
ran,
Demands a double fee;
The men with chairs give stony
stares

And shake their heads at me.
In vain I fret, cajole, and
threat—

They merely say, 'no can!'
Alas! the Law's no help, because
I am a pear-shaped man.

When at the dance I see them
prance
Upon the light fantastic,
I'd like to shine, but must confine
Myself to matters gastric.

The 'wall flowers' glance at me
askance
My portly form they scan;
No welcome smile awaits me
while

I am a pear-shaped man.

I yearn for love of dimpled doves;
I'm really most susceptible;
But when I swim the darling
slim

Declare, 'He's not respectable.'
I wash money and call them
'Roney.'

Affect the Don Juan;
Which wins applause, yet squares
with

I am a pear-shaped man.

MACAO OPIUM.

SENSATIONAL LIBEL CASE
CONCLUDES.

JUDGMENT RESERVED.

The case in which Mr. Pedro Jose Lobo, Civil Servant of Macao, sues Mr. Lee Hysan for damages for alleged libel concluded at the Supreme Court yesterday when Sir H. C. Gollan, Chief Justice, indicated that on account of the points raised he would commit his judgment to writing.

In the course of concluding cross-examination of defendant, Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C. (for plaintiff) referred to the Petition sent by defendant to the Governor of Macao in which it was stated that two people had been appointed in connection with the newly formed Government Opium administration, both of whom were smugglers well-known to the Police and whose records were in the hands of the Police.

Asked if he did not suggest in this that Mr. Lobo had engaged well-known smugglers, defendant said he meant the whole department, not Mr. Lobo in particular.

In his concluding address, Mr. Potter submitted that Mr. Lee was perfectly justified in sending the letter to the Government of Macao, for statements in connection with the alleged letting of the opium monopoly would be of grave interest to the Macao Government.

Meaning of "Tuck Po."

With regard to the questions of the meaning of certain Chinese characters there had been a suggestion that Mr. Lee was attempting to libel a lady in a very high position. Mr. Potter said he failed to see why that suggestion had been made. Mr. Lee had given a simple explanation with regard to the characters. He did not translate the words "tuck po" as meaning security because it seemed unbelievable that only \$70,000 security was being asked by the Macao Government. Mr. Lee left the Chinese characters and added an explanation in very significant language.

"The Opium King."

Mr. H. G. Sheldon (for plaintiff) said that from the documents it was overwhelmingly evident that the defendant had a most intense desire to injure the opium administration. The opium king of Macao had for the moment lost his crown and he said that he did not mind about losing the opium monopoly. Defendant also said he was indifferent despite the fact that he was losing a monopoly which was undoubtedly valuable.

Mr. Sheldon submitted that the petition showed the keenest resentment and the only real meaning of certain paragraphs in it was a real malicious and resentful spirit because another man had been chosen by the administration.

Mr. Sheldon said the suggestion of retaining so many lawyers was fantastical. With regard to Fung Cheong, the man had not been called although he could have given evidence of the inquiries he made respecting the alleged Yau Sing Company.

His Lordship intimated that on account of the points raised he would commit his judgment to writing.

PRINCE PAUL.

RUSSIAN RITUAL FOR SON OF
TITULAR HEIR.

The son and heir of the titular, heir to the throne of Russia is being christened at the Manchester-square home of his parents, the Grand Duke Dmitri Pavlovitch and the Princess Ilyinski (States a Home paper in mail week).

The parents of the baby are not allowed, by Russian law, to be present at the ceremony, but they are holding a reception for their son afterwards. The christening, attended by only a few intimate friends, is being performed by a priest of the Russian Orthodox Church, who came from France for the occasion.

The child is being three times immersed in water and then anointed with oil. He receives the Christian name of Paul—Russian law allows him only one and thus becomes Prince Paul Dmitrovitch Romanoff Ilyinski.

The baby, who has beautiful dark eyes and thick wavy black hair, is wearing a christening robe of beautiful old Valenciennes lace, given to him by his grandmother, the Hon. Mrs. Anson, mother of Princess Ilyinski.

The Two Godfathers.
There are two godfathers. One of them, Prince Vladimir Galitzine, is attending the ceremony. The other, the Duke of Oldenburg, is in Biarritz.

Two of the four godmothers, the Grand Duchess Marie, sister of the Dowager Empress, and the Dowager Empress, are making their bows as cloth was worn after the ceremony. The other two godmothers are the Queen of Spain and the Dowager Empress of Austria.

FOR OUR SCHOOLS.

CHINESE RESIDENTS GIVE
LARGE SUMS.

ONE OF \$100,000.

Mr. Woo Hei-tong (of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) has made a munificent gift of \$100,000 which is to form a trust fund for the provision of free scholarships, to be known as Woo Hei-tong scholarships at Government Anglo-Chinese schools, St. Joseph's College, the Diocesan Boys' School and the Diocesan Girls' School.

\$4,800 of the income will provide 65 annual scholarships at Government Schools, according to a scheme which will distribute the benefit through ten schools. The scholarships to the upper school of Queen's and King's Colleges will be tenable for three years.

\$600 of the income will go to St. Joseph's College, and \$360 to the Diocesan Boys' School and \$240 to the Diocesan Girls' School.

Over and above the income of \$6,000 so allotted, it is anticipated that there will be a further income of some \$2,000, which will be allotted in the following proportions:—One-half to St. Joseph's College, one-quarter to King's College, and one-quarter to the Director of Education.

Sir R. Ho Tung.
Sir Robert Ho Tung has endowed a scholarship, to be known as the Ho Tung scholarship, to the value of \$60 a year, at King's College.

Mr. Chan Pih-chun.
Mr. Chan Pih-chun (of Messrs. Wing Fat Hong) has given \$1,500 to found a Chan Pih-chun scholarship at King's College.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong.

Mr. Ho Kom-tong, O.B.E. has given \$2,000 in Public Works Loan Bonds, the income from which is to serve two purposes, (a) to increase the value of the existing Ho Kom-tong and Ralphs scholarships, given in 1916 to Sai-ying-pun School and now continued in King's College, and (b) to endow a scholarship at King's College to be called the Alfred Morris Scholarship.

Mr. Li Ping.
Mr. Li Ping (the well-known contractor) has promised an annual prize for Chinese at King's College to the value of \$96 annually.

Mr. Hee Cheong.
Mr. Hee Cheong (a member of the Macao Legislative Council) has given \$1,500 to endow a scholarship to be known as the Hee Cheong Scholarship, at King's College.

This summary does not go back beyond 1927, the "China Mail" is informed, and therefore does not record the names of generous benefactors in years gone by.

PLUCKY DRIVER.

JUMPS TO SEAT OF RUNAWAY
LORRY AFTER INJURY.

Scores of people in a busy London thoroughfare saw a badly injured lorry driver, who had clambered into the cabin of his runaway lorry, pilot his four-ton vehicle across the road, narrowly missing another lorry and an omnibus, and bring it safely to the pavement edge before collapsing.

He was Mr. A. Austin, of Tooting, S.W., employed by Messrs. Savory Bros., of 78, Upper Tooting-road. He had cranked his engine in the yard of Messrs. H. C. Hay & Co., of Great Dover-street, S.E.; when the vehicle bounded forward and pinned him against a wall. The side lamp of the lorry which pressed him to the wall was completely crushed.

The lorry then made for the gate, but badly injured as he was Mr. Austin clambered into the cabin and seized the wheel. In a second the lorry had rushed into the street, but he swung the wheel round to the left, avoiding a lorry, and then turned it to the right, to avoid an omnibus, and brought the lorry to rest alongside the pavement.

Having switched off his engine the man collapsed. He was laid on the cushion seat of the lorry and an ambulance was summoned. He was removed to Guy's Hospital suffering from severe internal injuries.

BRIDE IN BLUE.

The usual white wedding-dress of the bride was not worn by Miss (Beryl) Anson, daughter of the late Hon. Frederic Anson and niece of the Earl of Lichfield, when she was married, at Christ Church, Oxford, to Mr. Claude Cuthbert, Duke of Devonshire, on the 28th inst. She wore a dress of blue tulle, and a coat of blue tulle. The bride was accompanied by her mother, the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire, and her sister, the Duchess of Devonshire. The bridegroom was accompanied by his father, the Duke of Devonshire, and his brother, the Duke of Devonshire. The ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Exeter. The wedding was a very quiet affair, and the bride and groom were married in the morning. The bride and groom were married in the morning. The bride and groom were married in the morning.

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COMPANY MEETING.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER
MATTERS.
ARTICLES ALTERED.

An Extraordinary Meeting of the China Light and Power Co. (1918), Ltd., was held in St. George's Building this morning when Mr. R. G. Shewan presided, supported by Mr. H. P. White, Sir Ely Kadoorie, Mr. Noel Braga and the following shareholders: Messrs. A. L. Shields, A. R. Botelho (attorney for Mr. P. V. Botelho), Allan Keith, J. Toppin, Tse Tean-tai and A. A. Botelho and Mrs. M. G. de Carvalho.

The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said that on March 13 a Reminder had been sent to all holders of "New" shares on which the sum of only \$2 per share had been paid up.

The Chairman read the Reminder and said that, in accordance with this reminder, the present meeting had been called for the purpose of passing the following resolution:

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered by adding to the end of Article 19 the following words:—

"Or as from the second day of April, 1928, at such other rate of interest as the Directors may from time to time determine."

The Chairman then moved that this resolution be passed as an Extraordinary Resolution.

Mr. H. P. White seconded and the resolution was carried.

The Chairman said that this concluded the business of the meeting. The notice convening the meeting also convened a second extraordinary meeting for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, confirming as a special resolution, the resolution which had just been passed as an extraordinary resolution. The second meeting would be held in the same office on Monday, April 16 and he would be glad if shareholders would kindly attend same.

Shareholders' Reminder.
The following is the Reminder to shareholders read by the Chairman:

"Members of the Company who are holders of the 'New' shares on which the sum of \$2 per share has been paid up are reminded that the final call of \$3 per share on such 'New' shares is to be paid on or before April 2, 1928, to the Company's bankers, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong.

"Such shareholders are also informed that it is the present intention of the Directors not to exercise, for a period of one year from April 2, 1928, that is, to April 2, 1929, their right of forfeiture of any 'New' shares in respect of which such final call shall not be duly paid, but, provided the necessary special resolution is passed by the members of the Company, to require shareholders to pay interest at the rate of 9 per cent. per annum on any calls not paid on or before April 2, 1928, provided such unpaid calls together with interest are duly paid on or before April 2, 1928.

"The Articles of Association at present provide for payment of interest at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum on unpaid calls and do not give the Directors any discretion in the matter. It is therefore proposed shortly to convene the necessary meetings to pass and confirm the necessary resolution to alter the Articles so as to give the Directors a discretion as to the amount of interest they shall from time to time require members to pay in respect of any call or instalment not paid on due date."

LADIES AT LAW.

APPLICATION FOR MUTUAL
RECOVERY ORDER.

Madame Flint was the plaintiff in a Summary Court case this morning in which she sued Mrs. F. E. Cameron, proprietress of St. Francis' Hotel, for \$350.28 alleged to be due for wages.

Mr. O. E. C. Marton appeared for defendant and asked that the case should be adjourned for a week with leave to file a counter-claim, and also that an order should be made for mutual discovery.

Madame Flint appeared in person and, in answer to His Honour said that the amount claimed was for balance of wages in 1927 at \$200 a month.

Madame Flint indicated that she opposed Mr. Marton's application and wanted the case to proceed.

His Honour said that he would adjourn the case until next Thursday's session without any order and a date for hearing could then be fixed.

Madame Flint said she had waited for a long time and had no money.

His Honour said he was afraid she would have to wait for the case to be heard.

CHINA EXHIBITION.

TOURISTS AMONG THE MANY
VISITORS.

SECOND DAY'S SHOWING.

The second day of the China Exhibition at St. Andrew's Church grounds attracted many visitors in spite of the inclement weather. Among the interested spectators of the various demonstrations of Chinese craft were some tourists from the U.S.A. "Resolute."

The official opening was performed by Sir Henry Pollock and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

Sir Henry, in emphasising that the great key-note of the successful progress of this Colony had been the spirit of co-operation and goodwill mutually existing between the different nationalities, and in particular, between the Chinese and British residents of Hong Kong, stated that on Monday, he would complete his forty years of residence in the Colony and he was profoundly thankful when he reflected on the many kindnesses he had received during that period from numerous friends of non-British race, viz. Chinese, Portuguese, British-Indians and others.

On behalf of the Colony generally he desired to thank the hardworking promoters and the various Committees for the pains which they had taken in organising and running the Exhibition. (Applause).

The Hon. Dr. Kotewall said that to his mind the greatest attractions of the Exhibition were the exhibits of Chinese arts and the "demonstration area" in which Chinese craftsmen actually demonstrated the methods of their work. For the next Exhibition, which he felt would be bound to come, he would appeal to the many collectors and connoisseurs in the Colony to emulate the unselfish example of those who had lent their treasured possessions, in the shape of works of Chinese art, for exhibition on this occasion.

On behalf of the General Committee, Mr. Mow Fung-thanked all those who had helped in various capacities and expressed appreciation of the attendance of Sir Henry Pollock and the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall.

An excellent programme of music was provided throughout the afternoon by the band of H.M.S. "Cumberland."

NO GANGSTERS.

WHY BRITAIN IS
LUCKY.

[BY EDGAR WALLACE.]

I do not think even well-informed Americans realise why the gangster of England does not approximate in ferocity, in daring, and in ruthlessness to his American fellow. The Chicago gangster, with his "saw-off" (a shotgun cut down almost to pistol size), his machine-gun (which is an automatic rifle), and his too-ready "rod" (automatic), has no parallel in Britain. We believe that under our laws and with our incorruptible police system he could not exist.

The machinery of the law moves very swiftly and with a terrible inevitability. The murderer hangs, and it would be a bad day for Britain if he did not hang. There are no long delays, no moving for new trials, no flats of state of attorneys, no appeals to governors. There is the preliminary hearing at the magistrate's court, the trial at the Old Bailey or at the Assizes, the inevitable appeal, the almost inevitable confirmation of sentence.

There is no such thing in Britain as a political pull where the criminal courts are concerned. We believe rightly that a judge would sentence his own brother to death and show him no more favour than he would show to any other criminal.

If gang warfare started in Britain on a serious scale it would be stamped out. But the existence of gang warfare in any country depends not so much upon the methods employed to deal with it as upon its cause; and the cause is inevitably dope; our own criminals do not dope; that ghastly practice is left to a comparatively few degenerate weaklings. I have only met one burglar who was a drug addict, and he had taken to the practice late in life.

But in America without dope there would be no gunmen. Nine out of every ten of the hold-up men and bank-smashers could not go about their business without a "shot." They require that momentary exaltation and recklessness of consequence which drugs bring before they can tackle even a minor hold-up. Without the "stimulant" they are spineless, nerveless things, wholly incapable of holding a pistol steady.

Our own gangs are curiously composed. When a fight starts

ARMS FIND.

RIFLES IN A MITCHAM
HOUSE.
CHARGE AGAINST EX-INSPECTOR.

Nine rifles and a number of rifle parts were said to have been found by the police in a house at Mitcham when Edward Thomas North (54), described as an armorer, was remanded on bail for a week at Croydon.

North was accused of having a revolver and 25 rounds of ammunition without a firearms certificate. The police said charges regarding the other firearms might be made.

Detective-sergeant Lynch said he called at North's house in Harriscottage, Fair Green, Mitcham. North produced two rifles from beside a cupboard in the kitchen and other rifles from the other side of the cupboard. North said he had no revolvers or ammunition, but the detective said in the front room downstairs he found a six-chambered revolver and 25 rounds of ammunition.

"Found in a Dump."
North said to him, "I found that revolver and ammunition in a dump at the back of my house about three years ago."

Sergeant Lynch said he took possession of nine rifles, four rifle butts, six rifle barrels, a Vercy light pistol, three powder measures, a quantity of ammunition and a ladle.

When North was searched five bullets, three bullet cases and 38 pawn tickets were found.

Sergeant Lynch said North had been a labourer since 1919. Two years before that he was in Woolwich as an inspector of small arms. For twenty years up to 1913 he was a private in the Royal Garrison Artillery.

North told the magistrates that he was under the impression that he could keep these things with his armorer's certificate. He had picked them up in sundry places. They were obsolete.

RUSSIANS ACTIVE.

WAR MANOEUVRES NEAR
KRONSTADT.

Helsingfors, Yesterday.
There have been extensive Russian land and sea manoeuvres during the last few days in the neighbourhood of the Kronstadt fortifications. Battleships are participating with the object of testing Kronstadt's ability to meet hostile attacks in winter. Reuter.

BROKEN UP.

CHANGES IN THE ROYAL
ARTILLERY.

London, Feb. 10.
The King has approved the disbandment of the 34th Heavy Battery Royal Artillery and its absorption into the 15th Heavy Battery Royal Artillery, with effect from March 1st next.

The 34th Heavy Battery is in Ceylon and the 15th Heavy Battery in Sierra Leone. Last year the number of Medium Brigades was raised from three to five. The eight new batteries required for the additional two Brigades were found by utilising two Medium Batteries provided in 1926, one Medium Battery transferred from the Indian Establishment in place of which one Heavy Battery had been disbanded, and five Heavy Batteries.

In addition, the 2nd Anti-Aircraft Brigade (Portsmouth) was raised by utilising three existing Heavy Batteries, and one Heavy Brigade was created by using four existing Heavy Batteries.

between rival factions they are loosely described as "race gang" fights. It is possible that these men are racegoers, and a few years ago, until the Jockey Club took steps to deal with the menace, race gangs were very real organisations. But the gangs to which I refer are in every sense criminal. They do not work in unison to any objective; they are largely composed of loose units, who are drawn together by their acquaintance with one another and the fact that they have a common enemy—the police. They are gangs in the sense that every law-abiding citizen is a member of a gang—he has a circle of friends who have a common interest, and whom he meets at his club or on a golf course.

If they take concerted action it is to repel the encroachments of similar colonies or to avenge a "squeak" which has been put up by their rivals. For there is no honour among thieves, except in one respect: a member of a gang who has been "bashed" by another gang will never identify his assailant.

So long as dope is kept away from the habitually criminal classes, the gangster in Britain will be a negligible quantity.

A DANCE PARTNER.

EARNING £80 A
WEEK.
AT MONTE CARLO.

Monte Carlo.—"Yes, sir," said my waiter. "Next summer I shall become a dance-professional—what they call gigolo. I can dance and they say it is a paying profession. Why not? Most of the gigolos are ex-waiters anyway."

I was sitting at an expensive tea-dance in Monte Carlo. An orchestra was playing pretty music and every now and then elderly women were approached by slim young men in well-waisted suits who danced off with them round the room.

The waiter looked curiously at these young men whose ranks he wished to join.

Until two years ago, when an excellent film of that name was shown, the word "gigolo" was looked upon askance by the English public. It was supposed to indicate an unpleasant parasite who lounged round hotels and received favours from women. Nowadays people realise that a gigolo is nothing more or less than a hard-working dance-professional employed—but without salary—by various hotels on the Riviera to partner unescorted women on the dance-floor.

The etiquette is this. The gigolo, who sits with his colleagues at a separate table, comes up to a likely looking party and asks, often wordlessly, whether one of the women present will dance. If she accepts that dance no obligation is incurred. If she accepts the next time, however, it is etiquette on departure to give the gigolo 100 francs for his services. Through ignorance rather than through stinginess this is not always done.

The "client"—as the gigolo calls her—thinks that he is paid by the management. This is bad luck for the gigolo because he has no redress.

There is, as far as I know, only one of these professional dancing partners in Monte Carlo who is English. He is a Londoner and a very good dancer.

I asked him to join my table and tell me about the life. Of the other five employed by the hotel, he told me, two were Russians, one of them being a baron. The others were Frenchmen, but he did not know their past. He has been doing this for only six weeks.

"I was a stockbroker's clerk in London," he told me, "and then, realising that I could make more money at dancing, I took it up as a professional dance-partner. It was very difficult to get a recommendation to this place, but I succeeded and here I am.

"It is a good business but a precarious one," he continued. "You will, on a good day, give two dancing lessons at 200 francs an hour. You will be paid 100 francs by two different parties at the tea dance and perhaps 300 francs more at night. That makes 900 francs in a day—or £7 10s. But that, mind you, is a good day. You may dance all the afternoon and evening and not be paid a penny."

A man at my table remarked that he had heard that one of the Russians mentioned above was commonly reputed to have made 200,000 francs (over £1,600) last season—which lasts only five months.

"That may be," replied the professional. "Our incomes vary considerably. What is a good day for me may be a bad day for the next one. It takes time to build up a clientele, and some of the other five have been dancing here for six years."

He then tried to explain how it was possible to tell which person present would pay well. "I think," he said, "it is partly by the expression on the face. But you can invariably tell from the way they get up from the table to dance with you. If they are glad to dance when you ask them it is all right. If they are listless you know you are wasting your time."

I asked him whether there were any jealousies between the six men and whether there was any etiquette about one dancing with another's client. He said there was none, but that one had to be very sure of acceptance before one risked a snub—Charles Graves in the "Daily Mail."

STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
HONG KONG.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong during March, according to the standard time of the 120th meridian east of Greenwich, is as follows:—

Date.	Sunrise.	Sunset.
March 1st	6.18 a.m.	6.58 p.m.
31st	6.17	6.58

The anniversary of the coronation of the Pope was celebrated in mail week in England for the first time, at a service of Westminster Cathedral, at which Cardinal Bourne officiated.

Shadows Before

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED
IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Unknown," also at all performances, Miss Chee Toy in popular new numbers.

To-day—World Theatre; "Orphans of the Storm."

To-day—Star Theatre; "The Runaway."

To-day—Children's afternoon at Helena May Institute, 5 p.m.

To-day—Dance, at the Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

March 31—Music, at the Cheer 'O Y.M.C.A., at 7.30 p.m.

April 1—World Theatre; "Hold That Lion."

April 1—Star Theatre; "You Never Know Women."

April 1—Queen's Theatre; "Flesh and the Devil."

April 3—Star Theatre; The Wilbur Players in "The Sap," 9.15 p.m. only (no cinema performance).

April 3—World Theatre; "Oh What a Nurse."

April 4—Star Theatre; "Love's Blindness, 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.; The Wilbur Players in "The Sap," at 9.15 p.m.

April 5—Star Theatre; Wilbur Players in "Handcuffed," 9.15 p.m.

April 5—World Theatre; "Forlorn River."

April 6—Star Theatre; Wilbur Players in "Three Live Ghosts," 9.15 p.m.

April 6—Queen's Theatre; "The Shield of Honour."

April 7—Star Theatre; Wilbur Players in "Her Wedding Night," 9.15 p.m.

April 8—Star Theatre; Wilbur Players in "Charley's Aunt," 5.30 and 9.15 p.m.

April 9—Star Theatre; Wilbur Players in "The Family Upstairs," 9.15 p.m.

Sports.
March 31—Fanling Hunt Steeplechase (Easter Meeting) 3 p.m.

March 31—Queen's College, annual athletic sports meeting, Causeway Bay.

March 31—Boxing tournament, Lee Theatre, 9.15 p.m.

April 1—Interpret Football Matches: Hong Kong Chinese vs. Malayan Chinese H.K.F.C. Ground Happy Valley, 4.30 p.m.

April 2—St. Stephen's College annual sports, University ground, Pokfulam-rd.

April 1, 14, 21—Fanling Hunt Steeplechase, Sheung Shui station, 8 a.m.; 2.45 p.m.; respectively.

April 4, 18—Steeplechase meeting, Mr. Souza's bungalow, 2.45 p.m.

April 7 & 9—Third extra race meeting of the H.K. Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

April 8, 25—Fanling Hunt meet at Mai Po village, 7 a.m.

April 11—Fanling Hunt, Hunter's Arms, 2.45 p.m.

April 15—Seventh extra race meeting of the International Race & Recreation Club of Mueno, Ltd.

April 22—Steeplechase Meeting at Mr. Pott's bungalow, 7 a.m.

April 28—Steeplechase Race Meeting at Kwanti.

Meetings.
To-day—Twenty-eighth annual meeting of Kowloon Bowling Green Club, in Club House, 6 p.m.

April 2—Annual meeting of Douglas Steamship Co. P. & O. Bldg., 11 a.m.

April 2—Extraordinary general meeting of the Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd., at P. & O. Building, 12.30 p.m.

April 4—Seventeenth annual meeting of shareholders of the Bank of Canton, Ltd., 6, Des Voeux-rd., Ctl., 2.30 p.m.

April 11—Third annual meeting of Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., at Exchange-bldg., Des Voeux-rd., Ctl., (2nd floor) noon.

April 12—Annual meeting of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels, Ltd. at Exchange-bldg., Des Voeux-rd., Ctl., noon.

April 13—Yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Realty & Trust Co., Ltd., Exchange-bldg., at noon.

April 14—General meeting of members of The Prince's Bldg. & Land & Co., Ltd. (in liquidation), 6, Des Voeux-road Ctl., noon.

April 20—Annual meeting of members of the Victoria Recreation Club at V.R.C., 6 p.m.

Miscellaneous.
To-day—Lenten Mission in Catholic Cathedral; sermon by Rev. G. Byrne, S.J., Subject: "The Confession of a full heart." Text: "My Lord and My God," John XX 28; 6 p.m.

To-day—"China" exhibition, St. Andrew's Church Hall and grounds, from 3 to 10 p.m.

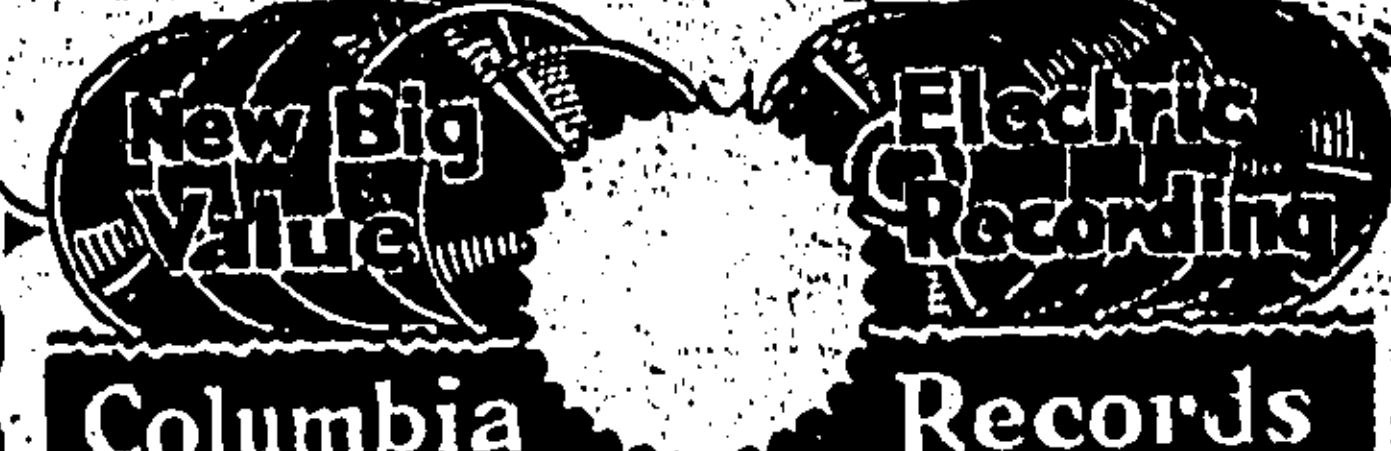
To-day—Annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, 8 p.m.

March 31—Prize distribution & Concert of Dockin English School, Bonham-rd., 2 p.m.

April 14—Diocesan Boys' School "at Home" from 3.30 to 6.30 p.m.

April 14—Eighteenth annual dinner of the Q.C.O.B. Assn. at Queen's College Hall, 8 p.m.

April 17—Annual inspection of the Hong Kong Police, Murray parade ground.



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The Hong Kong Civil Service
List (also known as the "Blue
Book") for 1928 has just been
issued.

The new time tables of the Kow-
loon motor bus services are given
in an advertisement on page 3 of
this issue.

The offices and stations of the
Chinese Maritime Customs for
Kowloon and District will be closed
to public business on April 6 and
7 (Good Friday and Saturday).

Three Chinese cases of small-
pox were reported to the Medical
Officer of Health yesterday. Two
were from the city registration
district and the other from Kow-
loon.

Washington, March 30.—The
House of Representatives has ap-
proved the Johnson resolution in
favour of postponing the effective
date of the national origin clause
of the immigration act.—Reuter.

Mr. A. K. Henderson has pre-
sented a cup for the best individual
aggregates in the "Dyer Cup" (for
the Scottish Co. of the Volunteers)
inter-platoon musketry competi-
tion, the aggregate to include hits
in the "attack" event.



A new portrait of Owen D.
Young, co-author of the Dawes plan
and chairman of the board of the
General Electric Company, who is
likely to figure prominently in the
Democratic presidential nomi-
nation. Although no official an-
nouncement has been made of his
candidate, friends of Mr. Young
are pushing him toward the nomi-
nation.

Police officers proceeding Home
on leave by the s.s. "Mantau",
which sails to-morrow, include Mr.
L. H. V. Booth, assistant Director
of Criminal Intelligence, and Ser-
geants Feely, Collins, Duggan,
Reid, and Detective Sergeant
Meadows.

The annual dancing display of
the pupils of Miss Daisy O'Keefe,
under the patronage of H.E. the
Governor and Lady Clement, will
be given at the Queen's Theatre on
Wednesday, April 11, at 5 p.m.
Part of the proceeds will be for
Earl Haig's Fund and the Nether-
sole Hospital.

Among passengers arriving by
the s.s. "Morea" from Home yester-
day, was Mr. J. Lamb,
M.I.M.C.C., who is taking over the
post of local Assistant Supervisor
for the Marconi Company. He was
accompanied by Mrs. Lamb and
will probably remain here for a
considerable period.

A coolie was yesterday sentenced
by Mr. V. Schofield at the Kowloon
Magistrate's court for three months' hard
labour for the theft of some lead
wire from a ship at the Kowloon
Docks. The Dock Company pressed
for a heavy penalty because
there had been numerous thefts of
this nature recently.

Re-sending of probate has been
granted in respect of the \$78,400
local estate of Mr. Vivan Findlay
Smith, formerly barrister-at-law of
Hong Kong and of the Peak Hotel,
who died at Panchal, Madras, in
March last year. The sole ex-
ecutrix is the widow, Adelaide
Mildred Findlay Smith. Property
at home to the value of \$43,864 is
left, also considerable Shanghai
property.

Crown Serjt. G. A. Joy, who is
leaving the Colony on retirement
after a period of sixteen years' ser-
vice with the Water Police, was the
recipient of a presentation on be-
half of his fellow officers at the
Water Police station yesterday. Mr.
L. H. C. Calhoun, Deputy Super-
intendent of Police, Kowloon, pre-
sented Serjt. Joy with a gold
watch and chain as a mark of the
esteem in which the departing
officer is held by his colleagues.
Serjt. Joy, prior to his local ser-
vice, was in H.M. Navy for fifteen
years. He has been a keen member

Children's afternoon at the
Helena May Institute begins at 5
p.m. to-day.

The annual reunion of Old Boys
of Queen's College will take place at
the College Hall on April 14.

The Royal Artillery Association
is holding a smoking concert in
the R. E. Theatre, Wellington Bar-
racks, on April 20.

The Oxford and Cambridge
Society, Hong Kong, holds its
annual dinner to-morrow night,
the evening of the Boat Race at
Home.

The following police officers re-
turned from Home leave by the
s.s. "Morea" yesterday: Inspector
Moss and wife, and Sub-Inspector
C. Evans and family. Returning
by the same ship was also Mr.
T. J. Duggan, of the Lanchester
Prison, who is accompanied by his
bride, he having been married
whilst on leave.

An entire wireless concert from
the Chelmsford Station was receiv-
ed in Hong Kong by Mr. George
Taylor, of Green Island, in the
early hours of yesterday morning.
Reception was good and an address
given was clearly heard in every
particular as were various musical
items and a play—"The Man of
Destiny" by the McDonna Players.
The programme terminated at
7.59 a.m., Hong Kong time.

A short circuit occurring in one
of the name boxes of tramcar No.
46, caused a small fire on board
whilst the car was passing the No.
2 Police Station. A bucket of
water was used in an attempt to
extinguish the flames, but this
was not successful. Then the
car was disconnected from the
overhead wire and the blaze was
immediately extinguished. Very
little damage was done, and the
car was subsequently taken back to
the depot.

Mr. David Keswick, whose forth-
coming marriage to Miss Nony
Pease, daughter of the late Colonel
Pease, of Hestonwood, was announ-
ced in mail week, is the son of Major
Henry Keswick, a member of
Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co.,
Ltd. His fiancée belongs to one of
the largest families in Yorkshire.
There are two Pease peerages
(Lord Gainford and Lord Daryng-
ton), two baronetcies (Sir Alfred
and Sir Arthur Pease), and three
families of Pease in the landed
Gentry.

At the Central Magistracy yester-
day afternoon, Mr. R. E. Lind-
sell and a Coroner's jury heard
further evidence in the inquiry
into the deaths of two Chinese who
died as the result of injuries re-
ceived in the boiler explosion at
the Ling Wan Mow Peanut Oil
Factory, at Saiwanho on March 13.
The Chinese engineer who had
charge of the boiler was in the wit-
ness box yesterday, and he was
subjected to a searching examina-
tion as to his usual methods of
tending to the boiler. He main-
tained that the boiler was more
than half full with water, and that
it could not have exploded through
the lack of water. The inquiry
was again adjourned until Monday
afternoon next.

Several medals and other awards,
it is understood, will be awarded to
officers of the Hong Kong Police
Force at the forthcoming inspec-
tion of the Force by H.E. the
Governor. It is gratifying to note
that amongst the recipients will be
Sergeant Thomas McMahon who
will receive the third class Police
Medal for his part in the brush be-
tween a police picket and a
quartette of Chinese ground in
the Western district on December
7, when the Sergeant was severely
injured when a bullet hit him in
the stomach. Other European offi-
cers who will be included in the
honours list are Inspector H. E.
Marks, Sub-Inspector A. J. W.
Dorling, Inspector R. Lanigan,
acting Inspector C. Fallon and act-
ing Inspector Bloor.

London, March 1.—The four
"Southampton-Napier" flying-boats,
which left Plymouth on Oct. 17 for
Singapore and Australia, were due
to arrive at Singapore on Feb. 28.
Their last stage was from Port
Swettenham, whence they were to
convey the Governor and his staff
from that place to Singapore. The
cruise, under the command of Wing-
Commander T. R. Cave-Browne-
Cave, C.B.E., has adhered to time-
table, and has had no mechanical
breakdown. The crews have, on
the whole, enjoyed good health,
despite the heat. This cruise,
which is the latest of a series of
successful R.A.F. flying-boat
cruises, is not yet at an end. It
will, as originally planned, be con-
tinued to Australia, and there
flying-boats of the same type be-
longing to the Royal Australian
Air Force will join it, and it is ex-
pected, will return with it to Singa-
pore, where the four from Great
Britain will remain for a few
months.

The Japanese Ambassador and
Baroness Matsui, who are return-
ing to Japan, will leave England
early in April.

An oil fuel course has begun at
Portsmouth; the officers appointed
for it include Lt. (E) A. J. Norris,
late of the cruiser "Carlisle" in
China.

Mr. A. T. Hamilton, of Queen's
College, will be going on Home
leave on Saturday, states the
"Yellow Dragon," the official organ
of Queen's College.

Only one case of notifiable dis-
ease was reported to the Medical
Officer of Health on Thursday. The
patient was a Japanese, non-resi-
dent, who arrived in the city regis-
tration district with small-pox.

With effect from Feb. 27 Com-
mander Clement Moody joined the
cruiser "Dauntless," which recently
returned from China, to recommis-
sion at Portsmouth for the America
and West Indies Station. His suc-
cessor in the "Excellent" is Com-
mander F. E. P. Hutton, who in
1924-26 was gunnery officer of the
flagship "Hawkins" in China.



John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Stand-
ard Oil Company official, in a spe-
cially posed portrait taken after
Mr. Rockefeller had testified before
the Senate oil committee.

In his series of Lenten Mission
addresses at the Roman Catholic
Cathedral, the Rev. Father Byrne's
subject to-morrow will be "The
World Without Religion," and his
text "Foolish Dissolute, without
Affection, without Fidelity, without
Mercy," (Rom. I. 13).

Mr. Adachi, the new Japanese
Ambassador to Paris, presented his
credentials to President Doumergue
on Feb. 24. He has summoned a
meeting in Paris of the League of
Nations Committee, which is exam-
ining plans for the new League
Palace. Mr. Adachi is chairman
of the Committee.

New York, March 30.—The yacht
"Ara," with Mr. W. K. Vander-
bilt, his bride (formerly Mrs.
Warburton) and a crew of 45
aboard, are three days overdue
from Miami. Although the possi-
bility that the yacht has met
with disaster is regarded as
negligible the lack of news is con-
sidered strange.—Reuter's Ameri-
can Service.

A change took place on Feb. 29
in the post of Naval Assistant
Secretary to the Committee of Im-
perial Defence, when Commander
the Hon. C. P. Hermon-Hodge,
D.S.C., left to become commander
of the "Despatch," and was succe-
eded by Commander Lohen E. H.
Maund, whose last service was as
second-in-command of the cruiser
"Curlew" in China.

With the return to Home of the
2nd Batt. Coldstream Guards
under Lt.-Col. P. R. B. Lawrence,
M.C., says a mail week report, the
14th Infantry Brigade at Shanghai
has been broken up. The 2nd Batt.
Scots Guards has been detached
from the Shanghai Defence Force
for garrison duty in the South
China Command. There are now
nine British and one Indian
battalions of infantry in China,
the report concludes.

In a crowded hall, with about
500 men packed shoulder to
shoulder, a "Cheer O" concert was
given on Wednesday evening at the
Scots Guards Camp at Shamshuipo.
It was a tremendous success,
judging by the applause of the
soldiers. Among the other splendid
entertainments, those of special
note were Miss Violet Capell's
popular "T-Pans," and the "soldiers
favourites" the Misses Allen and
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Several events this week are bound to increase the de-
mand for the "Overland China Mail." Many copies are likely
to be sent away, to give the obituary notices of Mr. R. G.
McEwen, Mr. Bertram Giles and Mr. W. G. Gerrard. Then,
again, there have been a few more company meetings, reports
of which business men are prone to forward to connections.

To ensure getting supplies, order at once.

Particular interest has been displayed at Home this week
on events in China. Discussion anent the tariff question, the
conversations anent the 1927 Nanking incident, the possibility
of peace or war between North and South, the visit of Marshal
Li Chai-sum, Hong Kong's good friend, to Nanking—these are
all topics on which full information will be sought-by friends
at Home.

All the week's news, to which must be added sound
comment, comprehensive explanations and special articles will
be found, as usual, in the "Overland China Mail."

WHEN YOU GO ON LEAVE.

Hong Kong's spring exodus has begun. Are you going
Home on leave this year? If you are, you will be surprised
by the number of persons who will ask you about China and
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"THE OVERLAND CHINA MAIL."

CHARITY SOCCER.

Facts About To-morrow's Match.

ARMY AGAINST CIVILIANS.

Kowloon's Shield Final: Holiday Programme.

[By "Rover."]

There is no league soccer to-morrow owing to the important charity game at Sookumpoo where a very strong Army XI will meet an equally strong Hong Kong Civilian XI, the latter being drawn from all the senior civilian clubs in the Colony and very representative of the Colony's strength as regards club football.

The matches are as follows:—
The Army v. Hong Kong (Civilian), at Sookumpoo, kick-off, 4.15 p.m., in aid of Military Branch, Ministering Children's League.
Kowloon F.C. v. H.M.S. "Cumberland," at Kowloon, kick-off, 4.00 p.m.

The big match at Sookumpoo should attract a very large crowd. If the teams turn out as selected, they are probably the strongest sides which could be selected and the match will afford the Army an excellent chance of discovering any weak spots in the team in view of their forth coming match in the Lai Wah Cup when they meet China. The Hong Kong Civilian team is strengthened by the inclusion of the Chinese Athletic players, but three Athletic representatives, all being interport players, and excepting for the absence of Wayne (Police) in the side, the XI is about the strongest that could be selected and should render a good account. The Army team is very strong and includes five players who represented Scotland against China a few weeks ago; Leach and Sims were also in the England side. The prospects of the match are very open and although the result may be a close one yet I think there will be several goals scored as both forward lines are fast and clever.

Military bands will play on the ground from 3 p.m. onwards till the kick-off which will make the waiting very pleasant and the proceeds of the match are to be devoted to the Military Branch of the Ministering Children's League. There will be the usual raffle for the football used in the match, this latter being presented by Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd.

The teams selected are as follows:—
The Army:—C.S.M. Anderson (2nd K.O.S.B.); Guardsman First (2nd Scots Guards), Pte. Martin (2nd K.O.S.B.); Guardsman Carswell (2nd Scots Guards), Staff Sgt. Sims (R.A.M.C.); Staff Sgt. Hill (1st Queen's Regt.); Pte. Campbell (2nd K.O.S.B.); Guardsman Aird (2nd Scots Guards), Sgt. Leach (R.A.), Sgt. McGlinchey (2nd K.O.S.B.), Pte. Alexander (2nd K.O.S.B.).
"Rest of Hong Kong":—Clark (Police) captain; Wheeler (Kowloon), Bishop (H.K.F.C.); McBride (H.K.F.C.), McKelvie (Kowloon); Lam Yuk-ying (Chinese Athletic); Taylor (H.K.F.C.); Howarth (Police), Gosano (Recr.) Suen Kam-shun (Chinese Athletic), Chang Kwong-lu (Chinese Athletic).
Referee: Mr. W. E. Hollands.
Linesmen: Mr. H. M. McTavish, Mr. Mackie.

Kowloon, in view of the Senior Shield final on Saturday week, have arranged another friendly match for to-morrow, their opponents being an XI from H.M.S. "Cumberland," the new arrival on the station. The ship's team is reported to be fairly strong but may possibly need a little time to settle down. As Kowloon will be without Northey, Sims, McKelvie, and Wheeler, the locals may have to go all out to maintain their fine record of the last few weeks. Kernick is being given a trial in Northey's position at centre-forward, a position which is causing the Kowloon management a little anxiety adequately to fill; and McKelvie is too valuable in the middle line to be spared, although the Kowloon half-back could just suit the centre-forward position. The inclusion of May, Vickers or Tiersman appears to be the only solution, but all good sportsmen would have liked to see Northey in the Kowloon team in the final.

For the next two weeks, irrespective of the Shield final, football spectators are in for some real good sport as in addition to the arrival of a Malayan Chinese XI, who are reported to be a very clever and highly scientific side, a tour is also being made to Hong Kong of a Shanghai Portuguese XI, which will play in a triangular contest with the local Portuguese.

The first match of this fine series takes place on Sunday when the H.K.F.C. ground when the Malayan Chinese XI play an interport with South China. This

match will draw a great crowd and if the visitors live up to their reputation some extremely clever football will be seen. On Tuesday, April 3, and Thursday, April 5, the Malayan Chinese will play the Europeans and United Services respectively. The pick of the Singapore players are included in the Tourist XI and representatives from Perak and Selangor have also accompanied the team, many of the cleverest players in the Straits being included in the seventeen who have come up.

Considerable interest is being taken in the result of the matches, in the Straits where the reputations of the Hong Kong Chinese XI, also the Hong Kong British teams and local clubs are well known. The visiting team have had opportunity to practice together in matches arranged at Singapore prior to the tour. Hong Kong spectators are assured of a feast of football during the Easter holidays.

THE LEAGUE.

Fixtures in the Senior Division.

Fixtures in division I. of the H.K. Football League have been arranged as follows:—

Wednesday, April 4.

Club de Recreio v. 2nd Scots Guards, King's Park, kick-off 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 7.

2nd K.O.S.B. v. Club de Recreio, Sookumpoo, kick-off 4.45 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11.

Hong Kong F.C. v. Club de Recreio, H.K.F.C. ground, kick-off 5 p.m.

1st Queen's Regt. v. Chinese Athletic, Sookumpoo, kick-off 5 p.m.

South China v. Kowloon F.C. Caroline Hill, kick-off 5 p.m.

Saturday, April 14.

Police v. Hong Kong F.C., H.K.F.C. ground, kick-off 5 p.m.

Kowloon F.C. v. Chinese Athletic, Kowloon F.C. ground, kick-off 5 p.m.

The league table is as follows:—

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
China Ath.	14	0	4	2	5	9	30
K.O.S.B.	19	9	4	6	32	17	24
R.A.	19	11	6	2	33	21	24
Scots Gds.	19	8	5	6	28	17	22
Queen's	19	8	8	3	46	33	19
Kowloon	16	7	6	3	23	25	17
R.A.F.	20	5	9	6	30	28	16
Recreio	16	6	8	2	23	36	14
H.K.F.C.	18	5	10	3	23	41	13
S. China	19	3	12	4	15	57	10
Police	17	3	11	3	9	29	9

[Note: Each club has to play 20 matches.]

HOME FOOTBALL.

NOTTS FOREST DEFEAT READING.

EIGHT GOALS SCORED.

London, Yesterday.
Indivision II. of the Football League to-day, Notts Forest defeated Reading by five goals to three at Nottingham. —Reuter.

The table now reads as follows:—

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Chelsea	34	20	7	7	63	32	47
Manchester C.	32	20	6	6	79	48	46
Preston N.E.	34	19	8	7	78	47	46
Leeds	34	20	6	8	82	51	46
Stoke	34	17	10	6	64	50	41
Oldham	33	17	6	10	64	48	40
West Brom.	34	14	9	11	79	61	37
Notts Forest	33	15	6	12	70	69	36
Bristol C.	34	14	7	13	68	58	35
Swansea	33	15	8	12	62	58	34
Port Vale	33	15	4	14	58	51	34
Grimby	35	12	10	13	63	67	34
Hull	33	10	12	11	57	41	32
Reading	34	10	9	15	49	66	29
Clapton O.	33	10	8	15	46	67	28
Barnsley	34	10	8	16	46	78	28
Wolves	33	10	7	16	56	69	27
Southampton	34	10	7	17	56	62	27
Notts C.	34	9	9	16	54	68	27
Blackpool	34	10	7	17	68	88	27
Fulham	34	10	5	19	62	80	25
S. Shields	34	5	6	23	45	97	16

The following have been selected for Kowloon Football Club 1st XI in a friendly match v. H.M.S. "Cumberland" to-morrow, at Kowloon, kick-off 4 p.m.:—Angus; Wheeler, Dodson; Guest, Hedley; Vickers; Reed, Tiersman; Kernick; Muir, Miles. Reserve: Bliss.

CHINESE TOUR.

MALAYA FOOTBALLERS IN HONG KONG.

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME.

The Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, to which all the Chinese athletic clubs of the Colony are affiliated, has arranged for the visit of a Chinese soccer team from Manila.

Such clubs as the Chinese Recreation Club, Chinese Athletic Association, the University, South China A.A., Chinese Y.M.C.A., Chinese Bathing Club, etc. are taking part in entertaining the visitors. A tentative programme is given below.

"Star" Players.
The Malayan tourists number twenty-four, nineteen of whom are players and reserves headed by the captain, Yee Cheek-wah of the Singapore Chinese Football Association and Aston Club. They arrived yesterday on the "Moran" and are being accommodated at the King Edward Hotel. They are due to leave Hong Kong on the "Kalyan" on April 9.

The Malayan team is comprised of "star" players from Singapore, Perak and Selangor, reputed to be worthy opponents for any team in this Colony. Before their departure from Singapore they met the best of other teams there, including Europeans, and beat every team comfortably.

Two Games Definite.

At present there are two games that are being definitely arranged, and through the courtesy of the Committee and members of the H.K.F.C., they are to be played on the club ground, at Happy Valley at 4.30 p.m. These games are on Sunday, April 1, between Hong Kong Chinese and Malayan Chinese, and on Wednesday, April 4, Malayan Chinese v. H.M.S. Navy.

Another fixture, on Tuesday, April 3, Malayan Chinese v. Hong Kong Civilian, has been submitted to the H.K. Football Association for approval. A game against the Army is still to be arranged and if circumstances permit will be played after the other games.

The Hong Kong Team.

The Hong Kong Chinese team selected to meet the visitors include:—Pau Ka-ping, Lai Yuk-tat, Ng Kam-chuen, Lam Yuk-ying, Wong Shui-wah, Leung Yuk-tong, Chan Kwong-lu, Suen Kam-shun, Li Wai-koon, Tso Kwai-shing, Wong Pak-chung (all of Chinese Athletic), Leung Wing-tak, Fung King-cheung, Ip Pak-wa, Li Tinsang, Lai Ting-toi (of South China). The final line-up to be fielded on Sunday will be selected in a day or two.

\$1,000 Trophy.

The visitors have brought up with them a beautiful trophy donated by Mr. Gaw Khok-kham of the Ho-Ho Biscuit Factory, Ltd. for the competition and arrangements will be made between the Singapore representatives and those of Hong Kong for the inauguration of annual football competitions in the nature of the prevailing interport games. The trophy is a magnificent gift and is valued at over \$1,000.

The tentative programme, subject to alteration, is as follows:—

March 30.
4 p.m.: practice on the H.K.F.C. ground.

5 p.m.: tea at the Chinese Recreation Club.

8 p.m.: S.C.A.A. dinner in China Building.

March 31.
2.30 p.m.: round the island drive.

4.30 p.m.: attend charity football match at Sookumpoo.

8 p.m.: Chin Woo Athletic Association entertainment.

April 1.
4 p.m.: group photo at H.K.F.C. ground.

4.30 p.m.: Malay Chinese v. H.K. Chinese, H.K.F.C. ground.

7.30 p.m.: Chinese Athletic Association dinner, Lane, Crawford's restaurant.

April 2.
12 noon to 6 p.m.: drive around New Territory.

7.30 p.m.: Chinese Bathing Club dinner, Lok-to restaurant.

April 3.
4.30 p.m.: Malaya Chinese v. Hong Kong Civilian, H.K.F.C. ground.

9 p.m.: "Star" Theatre, Kowloon.

April 4.
4.30 p.m.: Malaya Chinese v. Royal Navy, H.K.F.C. ground.

10 p.m.: to Canton by steamer.

April 5.
4 p.m.: Malaya Chinese v. Canton, Canton.

7.30 p.m.: reception by Canton Amateur Athletic Federation.

April 6.
8 a.m. return to Hong Kong by steamer.

7 p.m.: Hong Kong Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation dinner, South China restaurant.

April 9.
Departure on s.s. "Kalyan."

—Contributed.

The Booking.
From advertisements on page 3 it will be seen how and where seats

LAWN TENNIS.

ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AT H.K.C.C.

RUMJAHN'S VICTORY.

Holders of the open doubles championship for three years, the cousins S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn appeared yesterday in the annual lawn tennis tournament of the Hong Kong Cricket Club.

Their opponents were the Greens, father and son, the former having been singles champion years ago.

Although the holders won, the Greens gave them a hard fight and led twice at a critical stage in the

TENNIS VISITOR.

Man Who Beat Vincent Richards Coming.

Francisco Aragon, the amateur lawn tennis champion of the Philippine Islands for some years, is due in Hong Kong on Monday (April 2), by the "President Cleveland."

Last year Aragon twice beat Vincent Richards (a former American Davis Cup player), the latter visiting Manila as a professional.

Aragon has played on Hong Kong courts before and has appeared in several parts of the world. During his two day stay, exhibition matches may be possible.

opening set which needed sixteen games to decide.

T. Honda (another singles champion) and his partner also won in straight sets in the doubles.

Yesterday's Results.

Open Doubles (1st round): T. Honda and T. Akiyama beat E. D. Lawrence and W. A. Nowers 6-0, 6-2, 6-4; (2nd round):—H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn beat S. E. Green and D. S. Green 9-7, 6-2, 6-1.

Handicap Singles "B" (3rd round):—C. H. Bradley (owe 1/6) beat C. L. C. Sandes (rec. 3/6) 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Handicap Doubles (2nd round):—G. C. Grove and J. G. Lawrie (owe 15) beat A. Reid and J. M. Norrie (rec. 3/6) 6-3, 6-3.

To-day's Fixtures.
Open singles (3rd round):—Ng Sze-kwong v. J. M. da Silva.

Open Doubles (2nd round):—Ho Wai-hing and Chan So v. T. Honda and T. Akiyama.

Handicap Singles "A" (2nd round):—G. F. H. Richard (rec. 2/6) v. C. C. Stark (rec. 4/6).

Handicap Singles "B" (3rd round):—H. V. Parker (rec. 15) v. A. C. Howell (rec. 1/6).

Mixed Doubles:—Mrs. C. P. F. James and A. D. Humphreys (owe 15/3) v. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Grove (scr.); Mrs. Armstrong and G. W. Sewell (owe 15/3) v. Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Womack (rec. 15); Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sayer (rec. 3/6) v. Miss Wentworth and A. H. Crook (scr.); Miss Luard and Lieut. J. B. H. Kealy (scr.) v. Miss Heard and S. E. Green (scr.).

TO-NIGHT'S BOXING.

The 2nd Batt. King's Own Scottish Borderers, and H.M.S. "Cumberland" meet at Murray Barracks at 9 p.m. to-night, in a team boxing match, eleven-a-side, three rounds each bout, Imperial Services Boxing Association rules.

Several of the K.O.S.B.'s, who have fought at the various H.K.B.A. tournaments, will be seen, amongst them Ptes. Hume, McConnell, Smith and Carney.

Seats are \$1 ringside, and 50 cents and 20 cents. Entrance will be at the main gate in Queen's-road. Central and the upper gate in Garden-road.

The K.O.S.B. team is composed of Bdm. Johnston, Ptes. McGuire, Gordon, Carney, Woolley, Hume, Boyer L.C. Arnett, Piper Smith and Bdm. McConnell.

BASKETBALL.

U.S.S. "Pittsburgh" first team defeated Ying Wah College "A" by 38 points to 16 in a basketball match at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. yesterday evening.

The American flagship's reserve team, however, lost to Ying Wah College "B" by 20 points to 37.

Stephen's College hold their annual sports on Monday, April 2, on the University recreation ground, Pokfulam-road.

Swansea Town Football Club have refused the application of a Scottish syndicate to lay a greyhound track.

Members of the Hong Kong F.C. have to present their membership cards.

CRICKET.

KOWLOON C.C. DEFEAT SCHOOLS.

BOWLERS HELD.

Bowlers of the combined local schools were held yesterday when Kowloon Cricket Club ran up 168 runs (for 6 wickets) against them, at Kowloon. The home team won by 56 runs. Scores:—

Kowloon C.C.	0		
F. Edwards, c G. Lee, b R. Lee	0		
Rev. J. P. Murray, b Sufflad	14		
Capt. J. R. Reynolds, retired	50		
A. W. Ramsay, retired	50		
W. Brace, not out	37		
H. T. Sufflad, c Taul, b R. Lee	6		
Capt. J. E. Drysdale, b Sufflad	1		
W. H. Weston, not out	1		
Extras	10		

Total (for 6 wks. dec.) 168
E. B. Morton, J. C. Lyl and N. H. Ross did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O.	M.	R.	W.
R. Lee	14	1	39	2
Anderson	17	2	60	0
Sufflad	5	3	16	0
Kwan	3	0	13	0
Youngsaye	7	0	15	0
	1	0	16	0

Combined Schools.

F. R. Zimmermann, c Reynolds, b Murray	5		
W. H. Kwan, c Edwards, b Reynolds	0		
Tsui Wai-pui, b Murray	12		
D. J. N. Anderson, b Brace	14		
A. M. Rumjahn, b Brace	10		
A. R. Sufflad, b Murray	10		
A. K. Ismail, c Reynolds, b Ramsay	3		
G. Lee, b Ross	4		
A. Hunt, c Brace, b Ross	0		
R. Lee, not out	1		
J. L. Youngsaye, b Murray	0		
Extras	7		

Total

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Murray	7.3	1	11	4
Reynolds	6	1	18	1
Ross	8	1	25	2
Buxton	3	1	9	0
Brace	3	2	1	2
Lyal	2	2	0	0
Ramsay	2	1	1	1

"VARSITY 2ND v. "REST."

At the Club de Recreio ground, King's Park, to-morrow, the University 2nd XI (junior league champions) meet "the Rest of League II," at 2 p.m. Teams:—
University 2nd XI:—F. Hiptoola (captain), W. M. Gittins, Dr. M. B. Osman, A. Baker, A. B. Suleiman, F. S. Chen, B. N. Sudan, S. R. Kermani, K. T. Loke, R. Chan Fook, H. T. Barma.
The Rest:—C. F. Alexander (captain), H. Overy, Geo. Lee, H. A. Alves, M. F. Pinna, F. Carvalho, H. E. Strange, S. M. Hale, S/Sgt. Greenaway, E.R.A. Sparrow, E.R.A. Hill. Reserve: C.F.O. Beasley.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS.

Hong Kong Cricket Club teams for friendly matches at 2 p.m. to-morrow are:—
1st XI (home) v. the Army:—A. W. Hayward, E. J. R. Mitchell, C. D. Wales, H. Owen Hughes, H. V. Parker, E. R. Duckitt, G. R. Vallack, G. P. Lammert, C. E. Hammond, Rev. E. K. Quick, A. N. Other.
2nd XI (away) v. Kowloon C.C. 2nd XI:—S. J. Jordan, E. R. West, J. E. Hancock, L. M. S. Lloyd, G. Rankin, W. K. Tait, C. P. James, A. H. Penn, A. C. Howell, W. Brackenridge, F. S. Thomson.

Two greyhounds were taken by aeroplane from Guildford to Staines racing track.

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FILM TRICKS.

WHAT THE CAMERA CAN
DO.

A violinist who makes us think how hard he has practised, a dancer who reminds us of the peculiar development of muscles she has attained, is not a first-rate artist. Brilliant technique is essential to all the arts, but we ought to remain unconscious of it. It is what the arts express, not how they express it, which matters.

Films, which are mostly inspired by and produced by rather un-sophisticated people, have suddenly begun displaying a most horrible self-consciousness about their "technique." Film folk are so proud of the fact, one imagines, that new devices for telling a story in pictures are being found that they cannot resist using these new tricks whether the occasion calls for them or not.

In the last Norma Talmadge picture, "The Dove," the camera kept swimming back to reveal perfectly uninteresting but lavish walled gardens and rooms; people sitting near by complained that it made them dizzy. And because it is now established that the camera can see a scene from any angle we are given bird's and worm's and fly's eye views of everything, even if it is obvious to anyone with common sense that unless there is some special reason for them nothing whatever is added by such queer shots. Art for art's sake has suddenly smitten the cinema.

Too much technique, too little humanity, and a pale drama which is dragged out unreasonably make of "Sunrise" a picture which is partly a disappointment. No one could deny that it is beautiful, that the camera work is a triumph. It provokes discussion; but it is tedious to many people, because what it has to say is not as interesting as the way it is said. The machinery rumbles; you can almost hear the director talking to himself as you watch the hero and heroine slowly, slowly drift into barbers' shops, photographers, tramway-cars. And though it is beautiful, Mr. Rex Ingram's also rather slow but lovely pictures taken in and about the Mediterranean, some cowboy films, the best Westerns and "The Winning of Barbara Worth" are just as beautiful and far less pretentious.

Naturally a picture which is technically faulty cannot be a perfect thing. But there is no doubt whatsoever that film audiences can overlook a less than perfect technique but never the lack of a good and human story. A first-rate tale told perfectly is the best. But, come to think of it, Charlie Chaplin's technique is by far the most advanced of all. Every fraction of his films tells. Yet their whole effect is simplicity itself, and audiences, actually forget everything but the adventure of the little fellow.

It is the same with the other arts. The finest pianist makes us wholly unconscious of the difficulty of playing the piano as well as he does. In classic literature "Robinson Crusoe" and "Gulliver's Travels" seem artless, so sure is their craftsmanship. It is time our film-makers discovered that the highest art lies in concealing art. We are tired of obvious tricks, and tired of seeing the films show off. Here, they are, we like them; let them tell us superlative tales with no nonsense.

It is announced that British International Pictures has practically completed the purchase of the Sud Film Company, one of the largest film undertakings in Germany. The transaction signifies that British International Pictures has now secured a firm footing in German cinema theatres.

FILM MYSTERY.

COLONEL LAWRENCE'S
DOUBLE?

Are there two Lawrences of Arabia? Behind the news that a film version is to be made of the exploits of Col. Lawrence among the Arabs is the story of a mysterious "double," who may take the title role.

Lawrence is now serving as an airman in the R.A.F. in Egypt, and efforts are being made to buy him out of the service so that he may appear in the film, in which he is keenly interested.

If these efforts are fruitless, or if Lawrence changes his mind about leaving the R.A.F. there is a man somewhere, whose identity is being kept a strict secret, who will be asked to step into the breach.

Salary Refused.

"There exists," Mr. Collingwood Hughes, who is responsible for the production of the picture, stated "a man of the same temperament as Lawrence, sprung from the same social caste, imbued with the same ideals and possessing an intimate knowledge of the conditions of life and of the problems of Arabia during the war."

The mysterious unknown is evidently a very interesting personality, as, if he plays in the film he will decline to take a salary.

Lawrence himself intends to appear in this picture, although in order to avoid the publicity he hates he will not allow his name to appear.

The film is assured of world-wide distribution and was secured for Britain in face of fierce American competition. When Lawrence was told of the efforts being made by America to secure the picture he sent back the brief reply, "sell British."

MUSIC'S LOSS.

We regret to record the following deaths:

Philip Brözel, at Twickenham, on December 23. He came to London from his birthplace, St. Petersburg, when about twenty-five, and seems to have been first heard of in the choir of Bayswater Synagogue. Later he studied at the Royal Academy of Music, where he became a gold medalist, being subsequently made a Fellow. While still a student he came under the notice of Sir Augustus Harris, who engaged him as Cantor in "Pagliacci." The following year saw him appearing with Calve and Patti, and his operatic career was crowned by an invitation to sing the name-parts in "Lohengrin" and "Parsifal" at Bayreuth. Brözel sang in practically every important opera-house in Europe. Since his retirement some years ago he has frequently sung in and on behalf of various Jewish institutions.

Courtesy, Pounds, on December 21, in his sixty-sixth year. He received his early training as a choir-boy at St. Stephen's Church, Kensington, and the Italian Church, Hutton Garden, afterwards studying at the Royal Academy of Music. He will be long remembered as one of the most successful of Gilbert-Sullivan singers, but a no less treasured recollection is that of his Feste and Touchstone, especially the former. He was unusually well-equipped for such Shakespearean parts, adding to his charming voice a sense of comedy, and its almost inevitable accompaniment, a touch of pathos. In addition to the Savoy operas, many musical plays—notably "Chu Chin Chow" and "Lilac Time"—benefited by his delightful art.

J. H. G. Baughan, on December 12. For several years he edited the "Musical Standard," in succession to his brother, E. A. Baughan, and he also acted for a time as musical critic to the "Daily Mail."

WAR FILMS.

VIEWED BY THE
YOUNG.

[By John Galsworthy.]
For several years after it ended, the war was considered to have been a calamity. Some millions lost their lives in it, more millions lost limbs, sight, reason, sons, fathers, friends, property, hope—much or all that makes life worth living.

The Youth and Middle Age of the warring countries spent four blasted years; knew blood, and mud, wounds, frost, lice, flies, stench and pestilence as they now know the streets down which they walk to work or play. And for four years the elderly lived with anxiety and sorrow by night and day.

When the war ended, and for some years after, no adults wanted to hear of war again, because they knew what it was—from beginning to end a hideous and bloody night-mare; a thing neither glorious nor sporting; one long confusion of suspense, hardship, sacrifice and horror. When it ended, relief was such that strong men wept.

And now we have war films supported by the Governments that were at war. The American film, "Convoy," the German films, "Emden," "When Fleet Meets Fleet," and "The Official War Film," the forthcoming French film, "Verdun," and our own "Armageddon," "Xpess," "Mons," "The Somme," "Zeebrugge," "Battles of Coronel and Falklands," produced with the assistance of the Army Council and the Admiralty.

I have not seen any of these films, but report says that they are staged and censored so as not to shock the susceptibilities of the public, so as not to show the blood, the mud, the lice, the stench, the gaping wounds, the lingering pain and the ghastly mental torture which make up real Armageddon.

Report apart, common sense tells one that it could not be otherwise. Films must pay their way; and ordinary knowledge of human nature assures us that they could not possibly pay their way in any country if they really got on the nerves of their audiences.

Reality Spells Failure.

Reproduction of one millionth part of the horror and misery which every day of the war brought would be enough to ensure the utter failure of any of these films. They are, therefore, in no sense educational, for they cannot tell anything even remotely like the truth. Indeed, to tell the truth about war in a film would be quite impossible.

That being so, what lies behind this development, which, it will be observed, is much greater in England than in any other country? Is it desired that the memory of what war really is shall be wiped out? Do those who know the truth wish to see young folk brought up to think war glorious and inspiring?

Or has it been overlooked that the majority of those who see these films are young people who were under 17 when the war ended, and know nothing of what war really is, and that with every year this majority will increase?

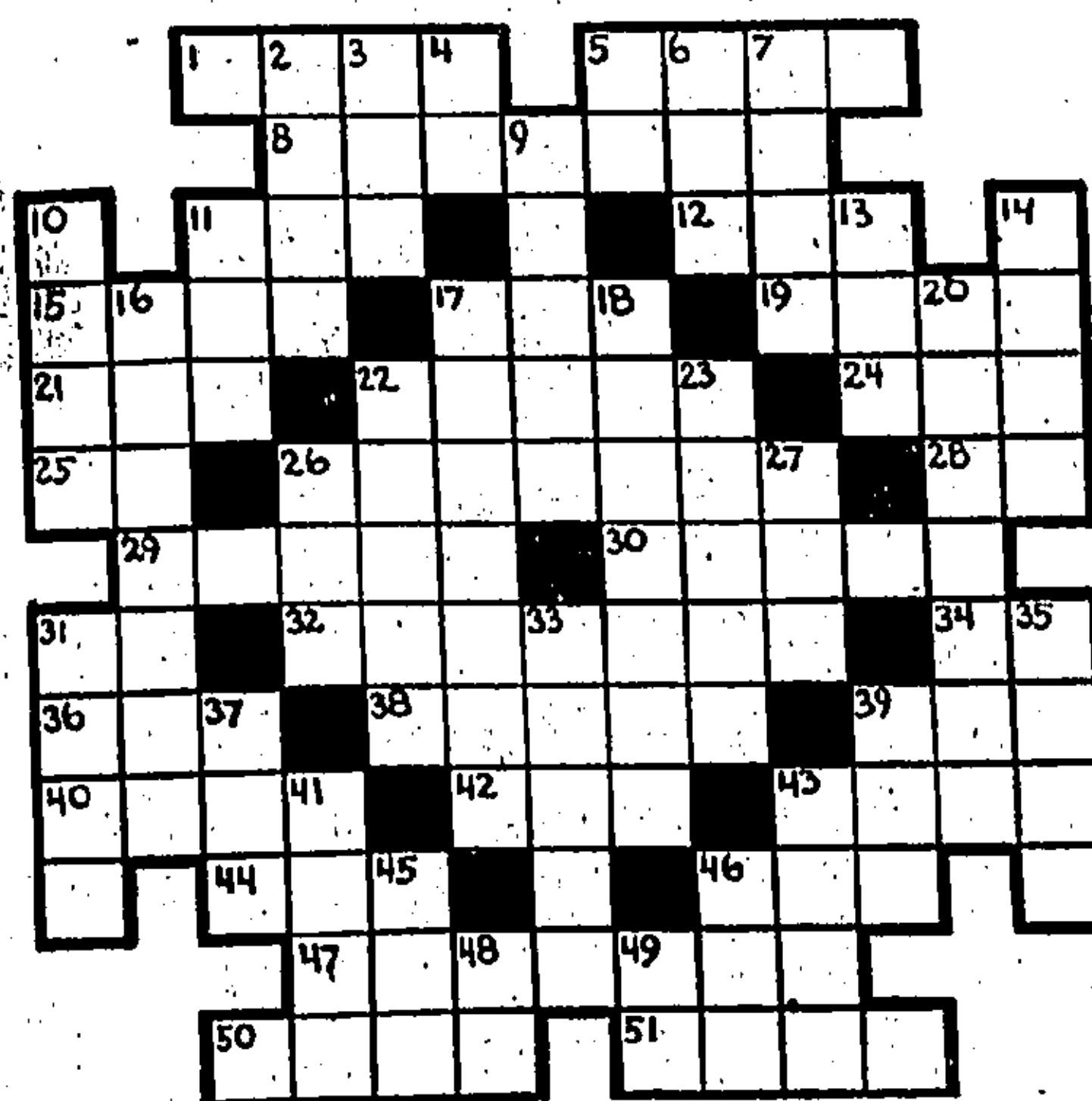
Or, again, is it considered that the promotion of peace and disarmament, and the furtherance of goodwill among nations, of which we hear a good deal, is helped by the necessary national glorification in these productions?

Or may it be that official faith in love of country is so weak that these reminders of a war which proved love of country up to the hilt are deemed necessary? Or are they designed to console the peoples of the warring countries for the fact that they are groaning from taxation caused by the war? Or is it thought perhaps, that the best way to reduce expenditure on War Services, which we are frequently told is desirable, is to fan the public's appetite for the pageantry of those War services?

Or might the opinion be held that the public's demand for this particular kind of thrill was in-

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-To become insipid
- 5-Drag
- 8-Who rent rooms?
- 11-The fruit of the Hawthorn
- 12-Confronted
- 15-A heavy attack
- 17-Speak
- 19-A hemispherical roof
- 21-To shut in
- 22-Stuck in mud
- 23-To play upon words
- 25-Profess meaning "in"
- 26-Light spear
- 28-Abbreviation for "giant"
- 29-Silly
- 30-Praises highly
- 31-Pronoun
- 32-Pertaining to the Occident
- 34-Erbium (chem. sym.)
- 35-Finish

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 38-Short romance
- 39-A liquor made from malt
- 40-The stump of a tree
- 42-Distress call made famous by wireless
- 43-Two-jawed instrument
- 44-The head (slang)
- 45-Raised border
- 46-Native of largest European country
- 50-Leander's sweetheart
- 51-Stained

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 13-The highest part
- 14-Curved
- 16-Merciful
- 17-Makes bare
- 18-Bank clerk (pl.)
- 20-Silva (pl.)
- 22-Spirits of the dead (Rom. antiq.)
- 23-Daily memorandum
- 26-Part of face
- 27-A religious woman
- 31-The Occident
- 33-Instruments of manual operation
- 35-Tall thick grass stem
- 37-Of a dull brown color
- 39-Direct at something
- 41-A tidal wave
- 43-Climbing plant
- 45-Prickly seedcase
- 46-Line of light
- 48-In a like manner
- 49-Latin word meaning "the same" (abbr.)
- 51-Noles of bees

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.

DESIRE	SPRITE
OPINED	LEASES
NO NAG	EAT AT
APT REFER	APPE
TEAR SAP	ODOR
ELERIE S	BLOTS
PLOTTED	
HAREM	TESTS
OVER AND	ROUT
MET ONSET	PRE
EN AGO	FIT RE
RUINED	ENAMEL
SETTEE	REMITTS

WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on March 1, 1928:—
CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Tytam	14' 0" B 11' 10" B	
Tytam Byewash	28' 2" B 26' 8" B	
Tytam Intermediate	4' B 27' 11" B	
Tytam Tuk	25' 10" B 38' 0" B	
Wong Nei Chung	19' 1" B 20' 4" B	
Pokfulum	20' 4" B 20' 7" B	
(Notes: "Above Overflow" denotes "Above Overflow")		
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1927	1928
Tytam	271.21	201.70
Tytam Byewash	95.52	72.87
Tytam Intermediate	865.00	650.02
Tytam Tuk	10.55	9.82
Wong Nei Chung	23.80	23.26
Pokfulum		
Total	1,270.08	1,047.75
Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.		
	1927	1928
Consumption	191.86	204.54
Estimated population 409,340		419,650
Consumption per head per day	16.7	16.8
Full Supply in all Rider Main Districts during February with the excep-		

tion of the district west of Garden-road where an intermittent supply was given from 8rd to 28th February, 1927. Intermittent supply in all Rider Main Districts during February, 1928.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir ..	15' 7" B 8' 10" B	
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir ..	10' 2" B 2' 4" B	
Reception Reservoir ..	3' 4" B 0' 8" B	
Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.		
	1927	1928
Kowloon Reservoir ..	210.5	266.78
Shek Lai Pui Reservoir ..	63.14	106.68
Reception Reservoir ..	24.55	31.39
Total	297.74	404.85
Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.		
	1927	1928
Consumption	64.94	84.59
Estimated population 159,980		164,020
Consumption per head per day	14.5	16.6
Full Supply in all districts during February 1927 and 1928.		
The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.		
Total rainfall to February 29, 1927, 4.66, February 29, 1928, 5.45.		

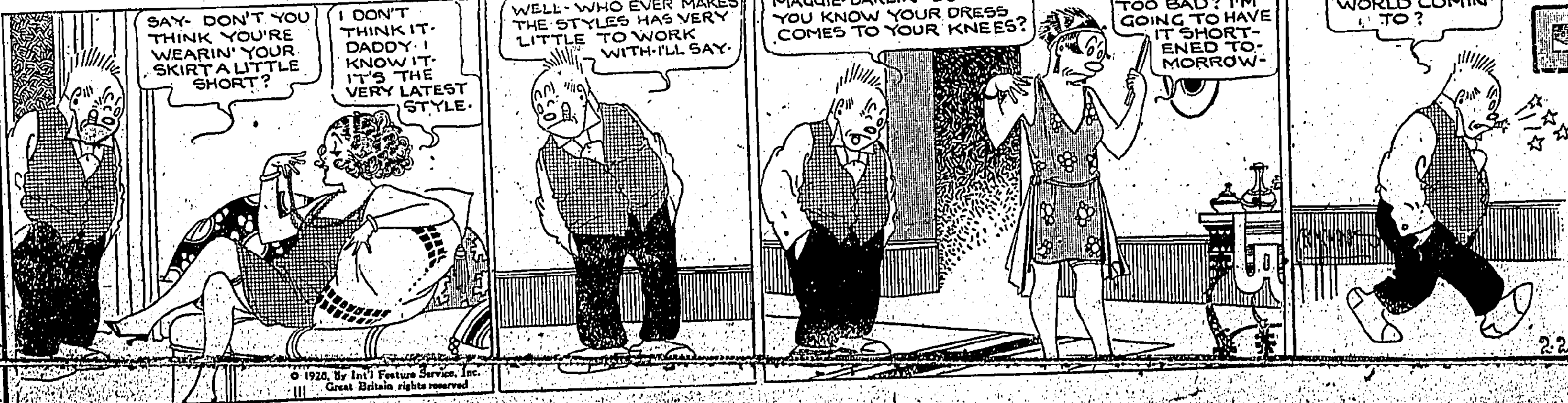
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THE VOLUNTEERS.

CORPS ORDERS FOR THIS WEEK.

ANNUAL RIFLE MEETING.

Orders issued to-day by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant, for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, read as follows:—

Arms.

Rifles and bayonets are to be kept at either Corps or Platoon Headquarters, all those who have not returned their rifles will do so at once.

Annual Rifle Meeting.

The Annual Corps Rifle Meeting will take place at Stonecutters Range on April 8 and 9, 1928.

Launches will leave Murray Pier at 8 a.m., 8.30 a.m., 9.30 a.m., and 1.30 p.m., calling at Kowloon Pier ten minutes later.

The Battery.

The Battery will parade for instruction at 5.25 p.m. on Thursday, April 5, 1928. It is expected of all members that they will make a special effort to attend the remaining drills of this season.

Musketry: The Battery will fire Part I. Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, April 15, 1928. Range Officer: 2/Lieut. N. L. H. Railton.

Royal Artillery Association: A Smoking Concert in connection with above will be held in the R.E. Theatre on the evening of April 20. Will all ranks please keep that date free. Full particulars later.

Mounted Infantry Company.

The ponies will return to Causeway Bay Stables from Fanling on Wednesday, April 11, 1928.

Armoured Car Company.

Monday, April 2nd, at 5.30 p.m.: Car Drivers and Armoured Car Crew will parade at Corps Headquarters for Machine Gun Instruction.

Motor Cyclists proceed to Kennedy-road Range for practice in Stoppages.

Thursday, April 5, 1928: Special Class for Motor Cyclists under Lt. J. E. Hancock. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m.

No. 2 Platoon.

Parade on Friday, March 30, and Tuesday, April 3, at 5.30 p.m. at Corps Headquarters for M.G. training. Dress: Mufti.

Scottish Company.

Sunday, April 1, "Dyer" Cup for Inter-Platoon Musketry will be shot for at Stonecutters on Sunday, April 1, 1928.

Mr. A. K. Henderson has kindly presented a Cup for the best individual aggregate score including hits in attack.

Launch will leave Murray Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress for competitors: Glen-garry, khaki tunic, khaki shorts, khaki hose tops, flashes, short puttees, black boots.

Equipment: Belt, frog, braces and pouches.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, March 30, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, or 2 and 4 p.m., or 5 and 6 p.m.; and on Saturday, March 31, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Range Officer: Captain K. S. Morrison.



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Thursday, April 5, 1928, at 5.30 p.m.:

Nos. 5, 6 and 7 Platoons will parade at Platoon Headquarters for Guard Mounting and Squad Drill with arms.

Dress: Mufti.

Corps Rifle Meeting on Sunday and Monday, April 8 and 9.

Platoon entries should be sent in as soon as possible to Corpl. T. P. Saunderson, c/o Hong Kong Electric Co., Ltd.

Thursday, April 26, 1928:—"Quarry Bay" Cup Competition will be competed for at Corps Headquarters. Details have been circulated separately.

Portuguese Company.

Friday, March 30, at 5.30 p.m., at Corps Headquarters for Rapid Fire and Snapshooting, Kennedy-road and Miniature Ranges. Dress: Mufti, belt, frog, sling rifle and bayonet.

N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections for Elementary Handling.

Tuesday, April 3: N.C.O.'s and Nos. 1 and 2 of Lewis Gun Sections (or Gun Teams chosen for Corps Rifle Meeting Competition) parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for range practices at Kennedy-road Range.

Next Company parade on Friday, April 6, 1928.

Leave.

The following are granted leave of absence from the Corps:—

No. 273 Corpl. J. V. Ramsay, A. C. Co., from April 24, 1928, to April 23, 1929.

No. 1214 Pte. A. J. Baker, A.C. Co., from March 25 to December 24, 1928.

No. 673 Pte. J. J. Spradbery, Reserve Co., from April 1 to December 31, 1928.

Resignations.

Having left the Colony:—No. 703 Lce.-Corpl. J. T. Prior, Signals, as from February 22, 1928.

No. 823 Pte. J. F. Kennedy, No. 7 Platoon, as from March 30, 1928.

No. 720 Pte. G. E. Stephens, Reserve Co., as from March 29, 1928.

Having completed three years' service and claimed their discharge:—No. 646 Gnr. D. Peoples, Battery, as from March 29, 1928.

No. 674 Corpl. W. M. Lyons, M.I. Co., as from March 16, 1928.

Having purchased discharge:—No. 1097 Signaller T. L. Locke, as from March 22, 1928.

Notice.

No. 2 Platoon Rifle Club: The next monthly spoon shoot will be held at the Peak Range on Sunday, April 1, at 9 a.m.

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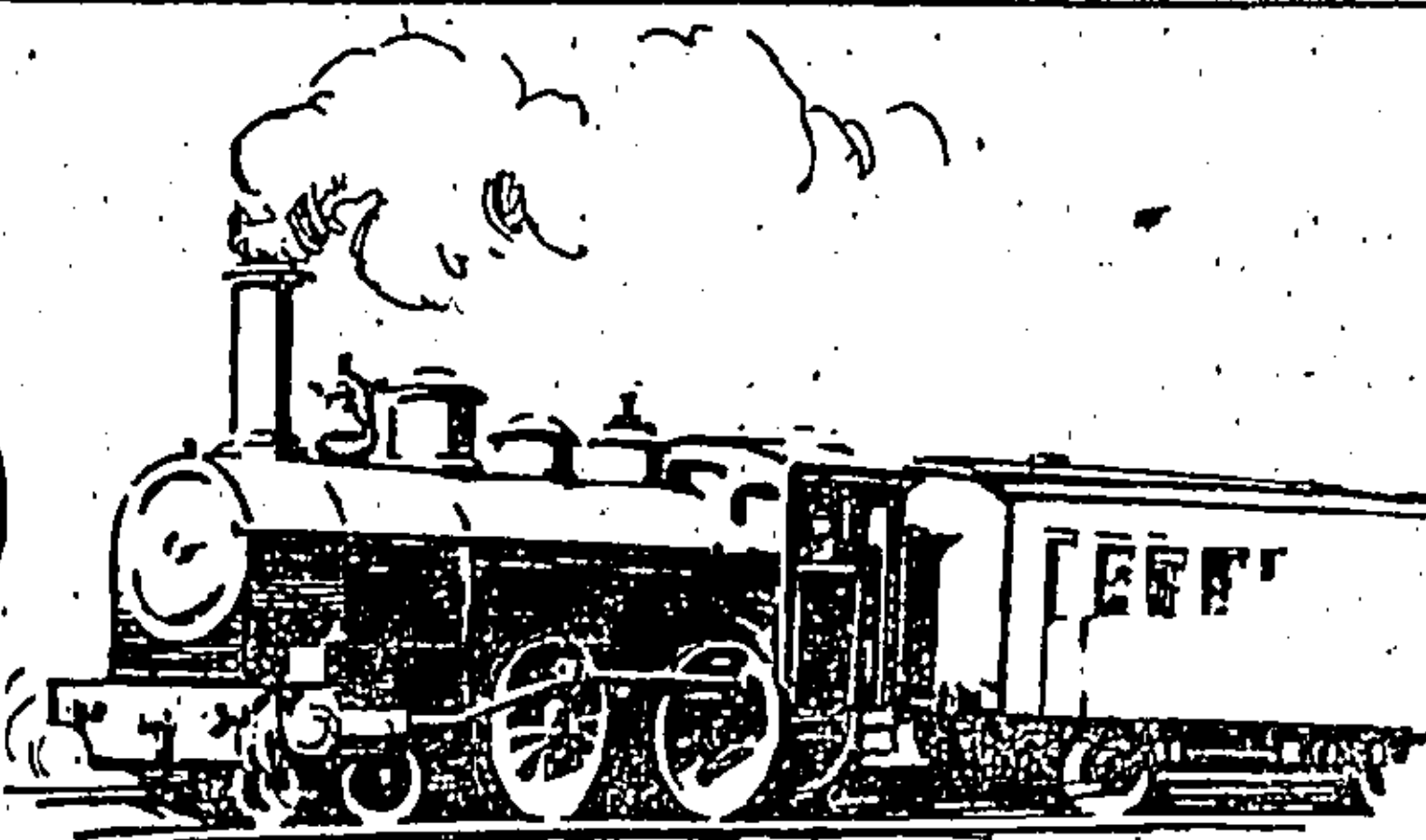
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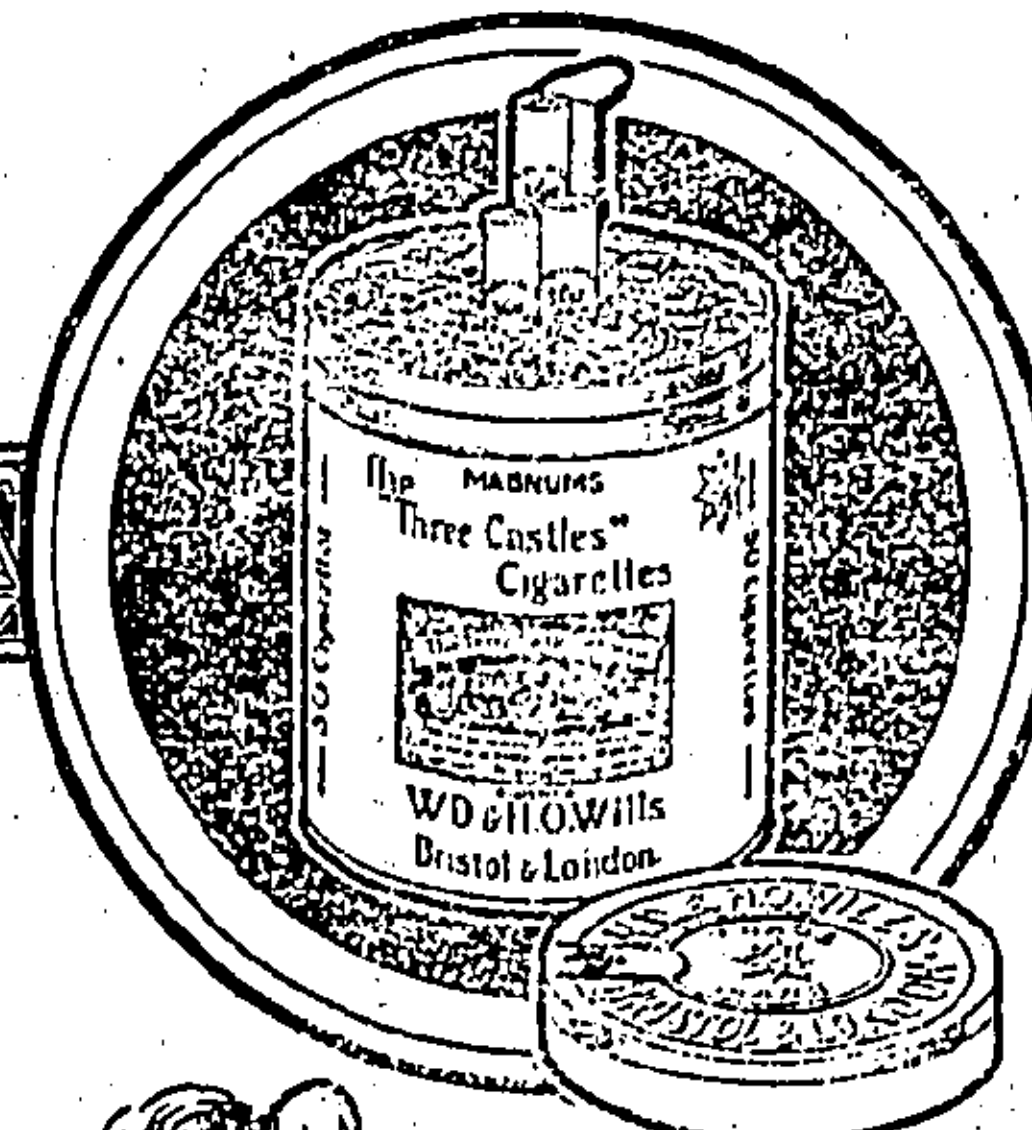
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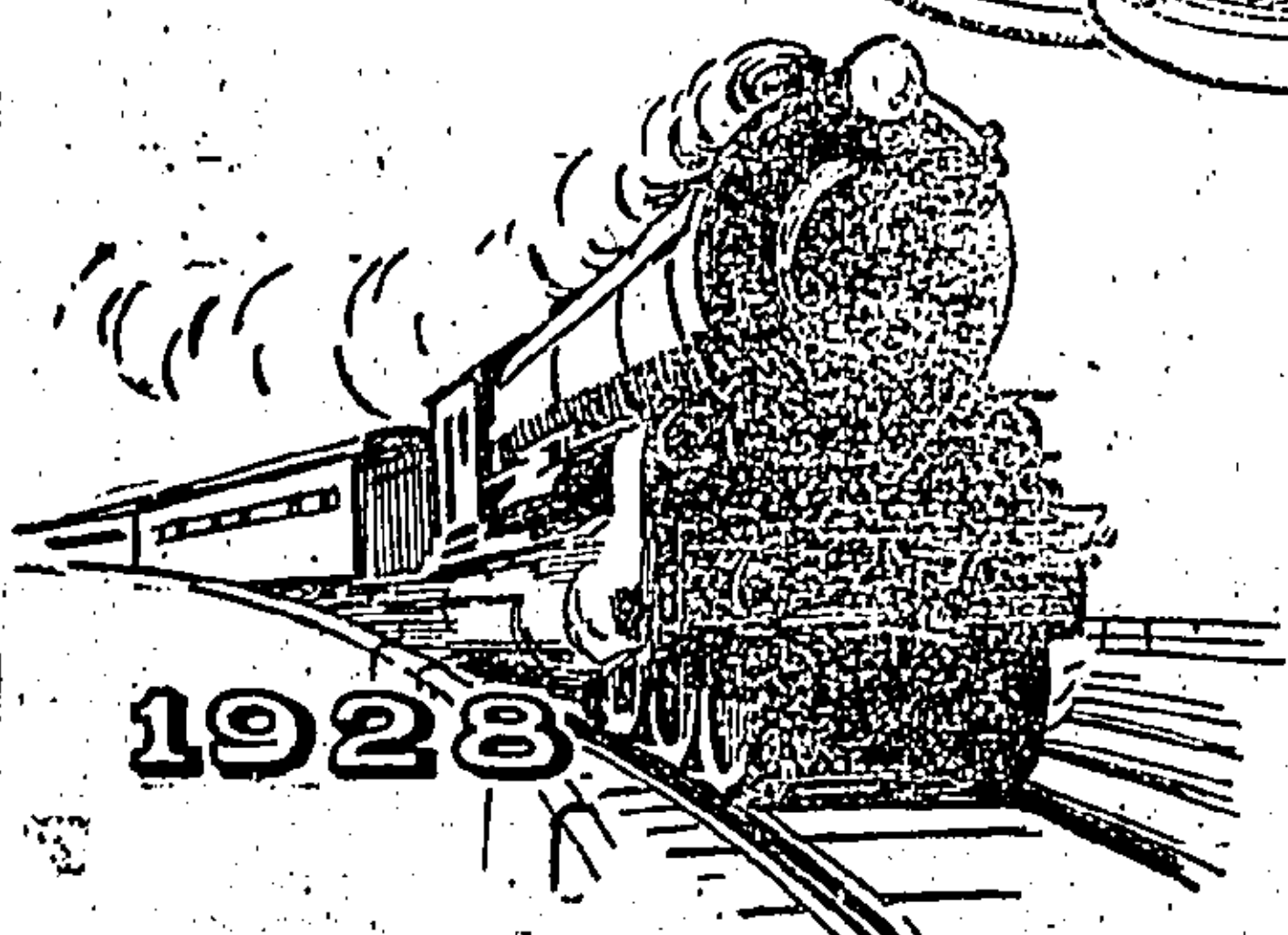
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Lindbergh and the
Limelight.

SEEKING RETIREMENT.

Far Eastern Flight Not Considered Likely.

Lexington Kentucky), Yesterday.
Col. Lindbergh, accompanied by four friends, unexpectedly visited his attorney, Colonel Breckenridge, who states that the "cloud of mystery" in which Lindbergh has been lately enveloped is Lindbergh's way of seeking final retirement from the limelight.
When Lindbergh left Washing-



Col. C. Lindbergh.

ton yesterday it was supposed he was going to New York. The only statement made to-day is that he is heading westward.

The "New York World" opines that the only basis for the suggestion of a Far East flight is that Lindbergh has already successfully flown east and south.

At St. Louis, Yesterday.
Lindbergh has arrived and it is believed he is going to San Diego to take delivery of a new monoplane built by the makers of his trans-Atlantic machine, the "Spirit of St. Louis."—Reuter's American Service.

WILD SCENES.

German Deputies Out
Of Hand.

COMMUNISTS v. SOCIALISTS.

Reichstag Vice-President Compelled To Suspend Sitting.

Berlin, Yesterday.
Turbulent scenes were witnessed in the Reichstag in the course of discussion in the estimates of the Ministry of Justice. Offensive language by a Fascist deputy led to stormy protests by the Socialists, who were still more excited when a Communist deputy reproached them for acting contrary to their principles in voting against the amnesty bill.

When a Socialist deputy started to reply the Communists stormed the Socialist benches and wild bouts of fistfights between the Socialists and Communists followed.

The Vice-President suspended a Communist for a week but the deputy refused to go, so the Vice-President had no alternative but to suspend the sitting till to-day.—Reuter.

NAVAL INQUIRY.

FIRST COURT MARTIAL POSTPONED.

Gibraltar, Yesterday.
The "Royal Oak" court martial will probably be of longer duration than was expected. The trial of Comdr. Daniel will possibly not be finished to-morrow and the decision will be taken by oral voting and a majority vote will prevail, but if the voting is equal, the construction most favourable to the accused must prevail. The first court martial is fixed for Saturday. The postponement is due to an alteration in the charge.

The "Leaders."
Neither of the accused at a late hour last night were acquainted with the nature of the new or amended charges. The accused have not asked for further time to prepare their defence.

Captain Colvert will lead the prosecution of Comdr. Daniel and Rear-Admiral Boyle will lead the prosecution of Capt. Dewar.—Reuter.

THE SIMON TOUR.

Scheme For A Joint
Conference.

LETTER TO VICEROY.

Sir John Willing To Hear Final Views Of Indian Representatives.

New Delhi, Yesterday.
Sir John Simon, who left for Bombay this morning, in a letter to the Viceroy points out that his scheme for a joint conference has been accepted as the basis of co-



Lord Irwin, Viceroy of India.

operation by the Council of State and the Provincial Legislative Councils of Burma and the Punjab, while the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council of the United Provinces by small majorities voted against it. Other Legislative bodies were likely to consider the matter before the Commission returns in the autumn.

Sir J. Simon concedes to the provincial committees who sit as the Indian wing of the Commission during the provincial tour the right to summarise their views in a report which, if furnished in time, the Commission will fully consider and include as an appendix to the report to be submitted to Parliament.

Sir John is also willing to meet the tour of the provinces to meet representatives of each of the provincial committees and hear their final views.—Reuter.

ARMS FOR CHINA.

GERMANY TO UNDERTAKE SUPPRESSION.

Berlin, Yesterday.
The Reichstag has adopted the Government's bill suppressing traffic in arms between Germany and China.

Minister's Repudiation.

Berlin, Yesterday.
In the Reichstag, Herr Stresemann announced that the Government intended to submit a bill to the present Reichstag forbidding trade in weapons with China and added that the Government was ready to collaborate in an international settlement of this question.
It was incorrect to say that Germany was one of the principal suppliers of arms to China. The weapons exported to China were mostly of German origin but sent through Germany. The new law would prevent this.—Reuter.

PRAYER BOOK BILL.

London, Yesterday.
The Lower House of the Convocations of Canterbury and York have voted in favour of the new prayer-book measure respectively by 126 to 48 and 10 to 10 votes.—Reuter.

CANADA'S STAND.

THE ANGLO-EGYPTIAN TREATY.

London, Yesterday.
In the House of Lords, replying to Lord Parmoor in regard to Mr. Mackenzie King's statement on the Anglo-Egyptian treaty, Lord Salisbury emphasised that all through the negotiations leading to the draft treaty to Dominions' Governments were kept fully informed of every step taken, but the terms which the British Government proposed to the Egyptian Government were expressly limited to the relations between the Government of Great Britain and the Egyptian Government.

The Dominions were asked to concur in the general policy embodied in the treaty but were not asked to be parties to the treaty. All the Dominions replied expressing themselves satisfied with the prospect of agreement and raised no objection whatever to the terms.—Reuter.

SUSPECTS DIE.

SQLOMON ISLANDERS' BAD FLIGHT.

Tulagi (Solomon Islands), Yesterday.
Chief Norlu and 10 natives who were arrested in connection with the murder of British officials died in captivity. Twenty-six others, including chief Bassano are supposed to be suffering from dysentery which is attributed to gaol diet. The trial is due to begin after Easter.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The clearing rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2/0 3/16.

THE CHURCH.

REASONS FOR FUNDAMENTAL DIVISIONS.

NOTE OF WARNING.

Jerusalem, Yesterday.
At the international Missionary conference in the course of a discussion on religious education, Bishop Temple, of Manchester, said that hitherto the fundamental divisions of the Christian church were due to geographical and not doctrinal reasons. Therefore it was necessary to take care lest the movement towards national churches in India, China, Japan and elsewhere led to a separation of Christians. He thought it would be preferable to have international denominations rather than separate national churches.—Reuter.

IN NICARAGUA.

U. S. MARINES AGAIN IN ACTION.

Managua, Yesterday.
The United States marine air force reports that a dozen casualties were inflicted on followers of Sandino in an engagement with marines in the Coco River district in which the latter used bombs and machine guns.—Reuter's American Service.

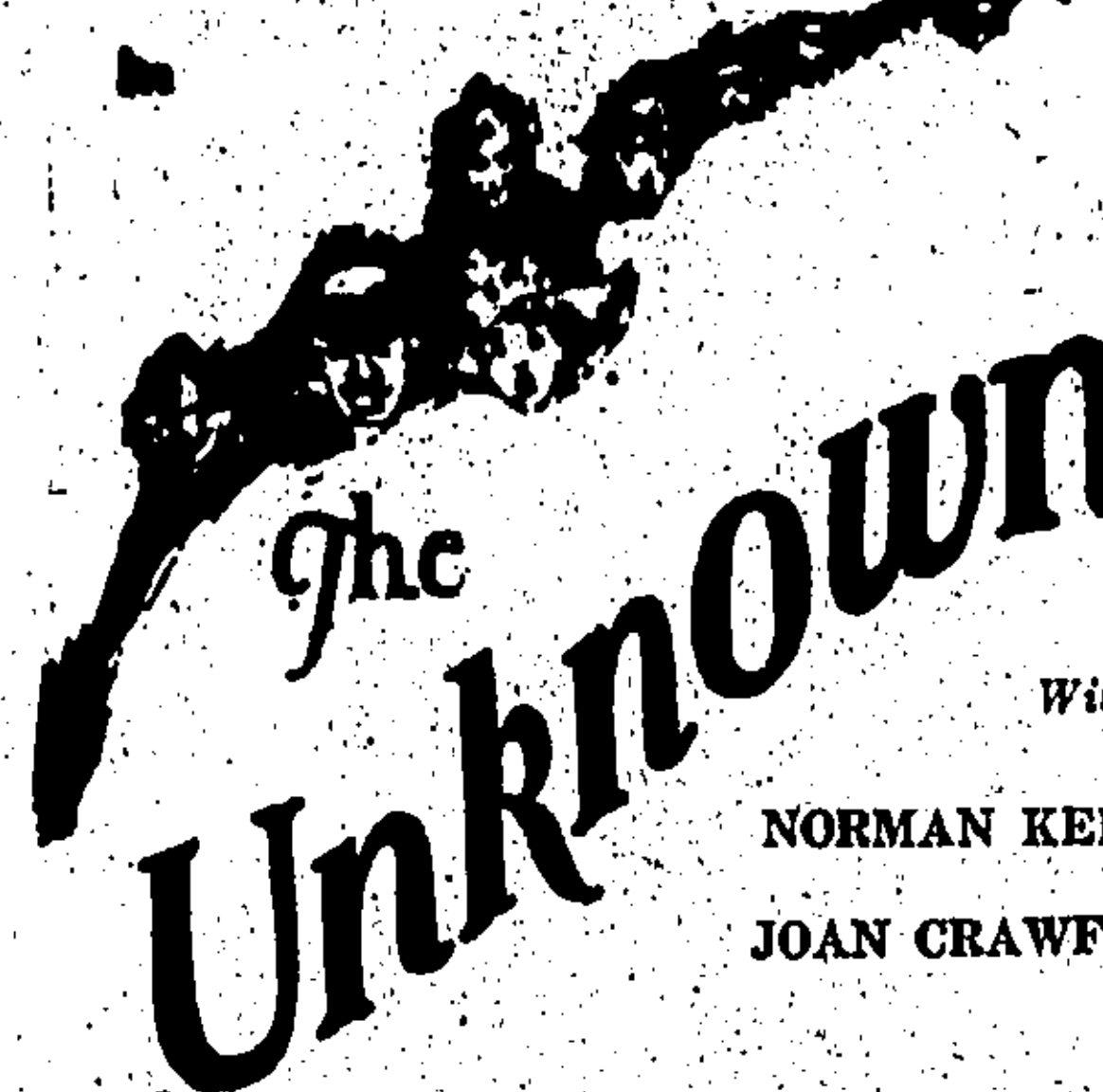
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